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MELBOURNE'S RUINOUS DAY

JUST's Joe Palatsides ducks for cover as Stuart Cannell clears powerfully.

THE last round of the 1989 NSL season ended in ruinous fashion for Melbourne soccer, as Melbourne JUST and Heidelberg United were relegated and Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia, in finishing fourth and fifth respectively, missed the finals' double chance.

Croatia and Preston will now meet in the elimination semi-final at Olympic Park on Sunday.

In a day of high drama in three States, Melbourne JUST, losing 2-0 to arch-rival Melbourne Croatia at Middle Park, tumbled from fourth bottom to second-last after starting the day looking the most likely of the bottom four to survive.

JUST's downfall was brought about by two stunning results - Blacktown City's 3-2 away defeat of Adelaide City and Sunshine George Cross' spirited 3-1 win over final five hopeful Sydney Croatia.

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SLATER HEADS CROATIA EXODUS

Sydney Croatia could be facing a major overhaul before the next NSL season kicks off on November 5, with several major players looking for fresh pastures.

Socceroo Robbie Slater is the first to leave, bound for Belgian First Division club Anderlecht to replace the country's top goal-scorer, Eddie Krncevic who has signed for newly promoted French club Mulhouse.

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Robbie Slater off to Anderlecht.

STATE LEAGUE RESULTS AT A GLANCE

●JUVE 3
T'TOWN 0
●BULLEEN 0
BOX HILL 0
●SAINTS 1
R'WOOD 0
●C'FIELD 4
M'BYRNONG 1
●N'COTE 2
FALCONS 2
●CROYDON 1
GULLY 0
●S'VALE 1
'GATE 2
●PINES 3
FAWKNER 3

FINAL FIXTURE FOUL-UP

We have to apologise to any fans who were misled by our back page advertisement last week which said that the Melbourne Croatia v Melbourne JUST game would be played at Croatia's home ground in Somers St.

How the fixture finished up being played at Middle Park was the result of a comedy of errors that makes an interesting story.

Because the first meeting of the two clubs this season was played at Olympic Park for security reasons, although it was JUST's home match, it was felt that the return game should be played at Olympic Park also.

NSL manager Peter Russell asked the Olympic Park management three weeks ago, when the Park was closed, if it would be available for July 16. The answer was, only if it doesn't rain in the meantime.

Russell must have forgotten that proviso because he went ahead under the impression that the game would be at Olympic Park.

It was only through a chance remark made when Melbourne Croatia identity Jack Skoblar was talking to OPM boss Gareth James in the middle of last week, that Croatia found out the pitch was not available.

That was when the NSL hit the panic button.

Russell phoned Olympic Park, was told no way was the Park available, and started to look for somewhere else.

Meanwhile, in a classic case of not letting the right hand know what the left is doing, the NSL sent us its usual Monday fax message, listing the game as being played at Somers St, so we went ahead and advertised accordingly.

That was when Fate, in the guise of the SEC, stepped in and took a hand. It decided to carry out repair work in our suburb and cut off our electricity for the day.

Our fax was dead for the day and we didn't receive the media release that the NSL office sent out late on Tuesday. We eventually got it on Wednesday, by which time the paper was being printed and it was too late.

The whole comedy of errors showed what a desperate state the NSL is reduced to when clubs are allowed to interfere with the fixtures, not to mention how much the game in Victoria depends on Olympic Park.

I was discussing this with Peter Russell through the week and he assured me that at least two Melbourne NSL clubs would be installing lights before next season.

I can hardly wait. I just hope that installing the lights doesn't take as long as installing 3000 seats has.

When the poet T.S. Eliot wrote that the world would end not with a bang but a whimper, he must have been thinking of the NSL season.

Peter Russell is now patting himself on the back because all the postponed games were played off before the final round.

And so they were, but at what cost?

The game at Skinner Reserve, which had such an important bearing on the future of both Melbourne JUST and George Cross was played in near-farcical conditions that were a disgrace to the country's most important League. And was Adelaide City conned into playing under those portable floodlights last week?

They were told that referee Chris Bambridge had inspected the portable floodlights and given a glowing account of them. But Bambridge denies having ever said that.

"I said they were adequate and better than Skinner Reserve's and no more," he told me.

I believe that Adelaide City president Charlie Caruso was under the impression that Bambridge said the lights were better than Olympic Park's. But most important of all, doesn't the NSL management understand that playing the Croatia v JUST game as the second leg of a double-header contravene the very principle he has been struggling to uphold, namely, that all games should be played at the same time?

SNIPPETS

by LES SMORDOCK

What Price Credibility

Meanwhile, NSL Chairman Sam Papasavas has been to pains to lay to rest rumors that the NSL might somehow reprieve the relegated clubs by enlarging the League, or some similar manoever.

Promotion and relegation will take place this year, he said firmly, but next year might be a different matter altogether.

Arguing that because the promoted clubs from the State Leagues will have hardly any time to strengthen their teams before being plunged into the new NSL season on November 5, he says that there probably won't be any promotion or relegation after this season "for a couple of years." That's cold comfort for this season's two relegated clubs who wil lhave to face two seasons without hope.

Stefan Kamasz, who used to be the NSL's manager wrote in The Weekend Australian last week that there should be no more promotion and relegation in the NSL in order to bring about stability.

It's a hoary old theory that always gets aired near the end of every NSL season, usually by the clubs threatened by relegation.

Kamasz quotes Heidelberg as an example, saying that the club, having been relegated at the end of 1987 and then promoted again in 1988 was again in danger of relegation (when he wrote the article).

He feels that it's a shame that Heidelberg spent heaps of money buying players and still couldn't get out of trouble, but what else does he expect?

Heidelberg's problems were brought about by mismanagement, not by the NSL's promotion and relegation system.

It brought about its own instability by sacking two coaches and buying the wrong players at inflated prices.

Promotion and relegation is the life-blood of any competition, in fact without it there isn't any competition.

Kamasz and all the amateurs like him who have brought the NSL to its present sorry state should ask themselves why flourishing League systems out there in the real soccer world, like the Football League and the Italian League, are so successful.

If relegation has had to be accepted by famous clubs like Liverpool, Manchester United, Aston Villa, Manchester City and Wolverhampton Wanderers, to name just a few, why shouldn't it be good enough for the likes of Heidelberg and the rest?

Manchester City, for instance, was relegated in 1983, promoted in 1985, relegated again in 1987, bounced back again in 1989.

Did it ever scream that relegation should be abolished so it could stabilise?

Not on your Nelly!

Cast a glance at the English Third and Fourth Divisions and you'll seee famous clubs with distinguished histories like Huddersfield Town, First Division champions for three years in succession (1923-1927) and Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The mighty Wolves, champions in '54, '58 and '59 runners-up in '38, '39, '50, '55, and '60, hit the skids in the sixties and slumped as low as the Fourth Division by the end of 1986.

But they have stormed back into the Second and could easily be a First Division power again in the Nineties.

That's what Football League history is all about, that's why the NSL will never have any history worth talking about until the amateurs stop tinkering with the product and let it find its own stability.

Closer to home, have you been watching the re-emergence of Mooroolbark? Mooroolbark, a founder-member of the NSL, was registered in 1977, after only one season in the League and went down as low as the VSF's Fourth division of the Metropolitan League, in its way an even bigger tumble than that suffered by Wolves.

But now Mooroolbark is pushing strongly for the State League and could be a contender for promotion to the NSL again shortly.

If the NSL became a closed shop by abolishing promotion and relegation, what would the likes of Mooroolbark have to look forward to?

As Charles Darwin taught us, the world was built on Survival of the Fittest, and if the NSL can't come to grips with that, it won't survive.

The informed word is that Stefan Kamasz' promotions firm is going to get the job of selling the NSL to a doubting public and to the even more doubting Press.

If that comes about, his first task should be to canvas the soccer supporters at the grass roots level and find out why the NSL totally lacks credibility.

He would probably find out that most staunch supporters have no faigh whatsoever in the League's hierarchy and are only too willing to believe them capable of any chicanery.

Most of the people you meet at the coal-face in this game are soorrful about the League's lack of credibility, because of constant changes and broken promises.

That attitude is not going to be changed by abolishing promotion and relegation.

RESHUFFLE GETS GO AHEAD

The State League management committee meeting last week decided in principle to go ahead with the Stafrace Plan and form a Super State League.

The delegates are now reporting back to their respective clubs which have been given until August 1 to submit their ideas on the format of the new League.

The points they have to consider include the size of the proposed League whether it should consist of 10, 12 or even 14 clubs, and of course, most important of all, which clubs should be selected.

Coaches on the skids

NOW that the NSL season has ended, for all but five clubs, that is, it's time for the usual coaches merry-go-round to again.

Coaches who seem certain to move include South's Brian Garvey, JUST's John Margarites and APIA's Michael Urukalo.

One coach who was at the centre of more speculation than most was Eddie Thomson, but a reliable Sydney source informs me that there has been a change of heart at Sydney Olympic and Eddie will be signing a big contract soon.

Wollongong will be seeking a new coach, as Doug Collins, who took over seven weeks ago when John Fleming walked out, has indicated that pressure of work will not allow him to continue.

South Melbourne will be seeking a new coach, as Brian Garvey, who lives by the dictum that three years at one club is long enough is set to leave.

Rumor has it that South will try for Manfred Schaefer, Len McKendry or Ferenc Puskas, but one man who hasn't been mentioned is former youth coach Steve Short, who is highly regarded at South.

APIA's Urukalo, new to the job this year, feels that his job is on the line and was hoping to beat Sydney Olympic in the National Cup semi-final yesterday to help his cause.

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MYSTERY PIC — HOW DID THIS BEAUTIFUL BABY BECOME A STATE LEAGUE PLAYER?

ANSWER NEXT WEEK.

I read in a recent issue of "Shoot" magazine (come on, you read it too) that Aberdeen's Davis Dodds has just been voted Scotland's ugliest players, despite fierce opposition from Dundee United's Paul Sturrock.

This got me thinking.

Yes I sometimes do that.

I wonder who is Victoria's ugliest player?

I'm sure we've got some "elephant men" out there.

Feel free to send photos.

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I called in at Waverley City last Thursday night on my way home from training.

It's the first time I'd been there since the new clubrooms went up. Aren't they nice?

They should be good for this year's close season World Cup.

Ted Quy, the manager of the England team, was telling me that he's got plenty of players but they are all forwards so, if you're English and a good defender, give Ted a ring.

On second thoughts, give Bobby Robson a call.

They've got some characters down at Waverley you know.

Norman "Willie" Willox, Alex Nelson (no relation) and Garry Bates were all there and, in fact, will all be present for a "Dribblers' Night" to be held at the very same clubrooms in Sixth Avenue, Burwood, tomorrow night (Friday, July 21). Cost only $12.50 per head, so if you enjoy a beer or ten, and are a fan of exotic dancers, or comedian Dave Butler, be there or be square.

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I got a call last week from one of my favorite people, big Alex Marshall. Alex is now kicking the sphere and in arresting form for Holland Park in Division Three, and tells me it's a delightful experience. Turkish Delightful!

WADEY SAYS:

If ever a team had to undergo a searching test of character, it was Melbourne Croatia last Sunday against Melbourne JUST.

By PAUL WADE

Only a week before the team had undergone the humbling experience of being thrashed 4-0 by champion Marconi.

And here they were facing up to a team in Melbourne JUST that was desperate to win, knowing that it would be in danger of relegation if it failed.

Relegation was unthinkable for JUST, founder member of the NSLA in 1977, especially at the hands of ach-rival Melbourne Croatia.

The crowd of 7000 went knowing that it was going to see a tension filled game and it wans't disappointed in the event.

Both teams were prepared to play at 200mph in the first 0 minutes, obviously spurred on by the very vocal crowd.

Tackles were stribg abd marking was tight as both teams tested each other. Hannah, out injured was having no problem in the air against JUST striker Joe Palatsides, either at the back or when he sallied upfield for corners and a couple of times he went close with powerful headers.

Croatia from the start was applying so much pressure that JUST's attack was almost snuffed out with most of the team camped in its own half.

When attacks were attempted, JUST players were required to run with the ball as the forward line was nowhere in sight.

Branko Milosevic, Josip Biskic and Alan Davidson were running the show for Croatia with their simple one and two touches, always looking for gaps inthe shaky JUST defence.

Joe Caleta had Croatia's best chance of the half when he found himslef facing Zoran Nikitovic on the edge of the penalty area, but squandered the chance with the goalkeeper able to smother his attempt.

At that point you felt that the JUST fans had almost forgiven him for the questionable season to date.

At the other end Joe Palatsides was allowed a moment of freedom to cross the ball, after good work down the right.

The well driven ball flashed across the Croatia goal with Carlos Retre coming in by the far post, but he failed to get that crucial touch.

So at the half-time break JUST had survived the onslaught and could have gone in with the lead, but you had the feeling that it was just a matter of time.

Both sides were unchanged for the second half, and continued in the same vein as the first.

JUST was quite confident to sit back and soak up the pressure, but the pressure became too much in the 52nd minute when predictably, fullback Alan Davidson got behind his marker to send a searching 25 metre cross cum shot for Zejko Adzic whose diagonal run enabled him to stay on side and get a disputed glance at the near post.

The slight touch he got was enough to put Nikitovic off balance and the ball flashed past him and into the net.

JUST's reaction was to send Mehmet Durakovic forward in a deserpate seach for a quick equaliser, and roatia waskept pinned in its own half for minutes on end.

Durakovic, playing with the threat of a perforated appendix hanging over his head was making a contest of it, with his speed, aggession and determination worrying the life out of the Croatia defenders.

Several times his runs with the ball enabled him to work an opening in the Croatia defence.

It is a pity that his final strikes on goal were not of the same quality.

Mate Grgic was only called on for one terrific save as a result. Croatia on the other hand, had the advantage of the goal and could afford to leave Francis Awaritefe and Joe Caleta up front.

As the game progressed, it was becoming more and more obvious that JUST was leaving itself open at the back.

It was in the 77th minute that Awaritefe's run down the right paid dividends.

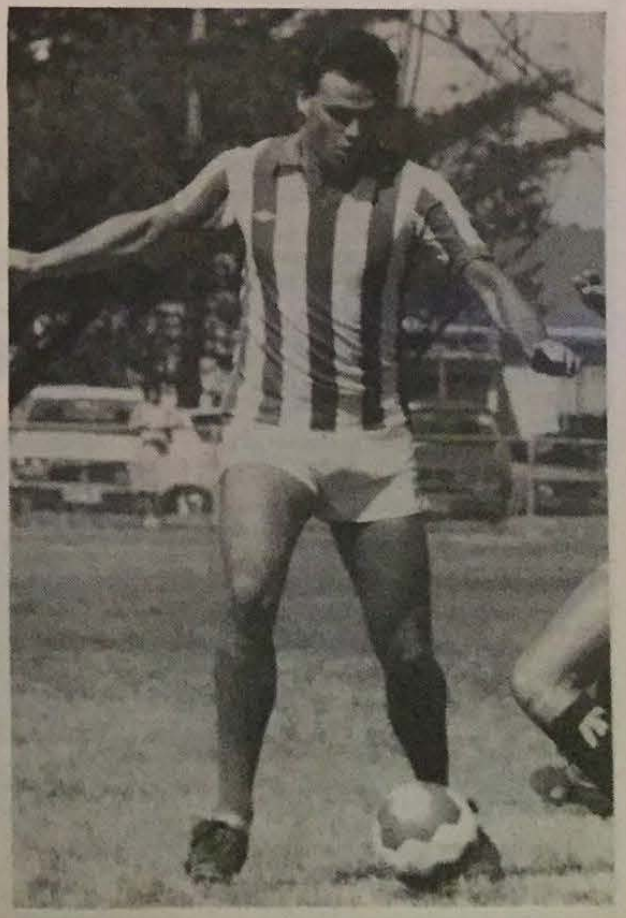
His cutback across goal found Caleta unmarked and he gratefully planted the ball beyond Nikitoavic's outstretched hand.

Minutes before the roles had been reversed, but Caleta had elected to go it alone and selfishly fired from an impossible angle when Awaritefe was perfectly placed.

In an epidsode that summed up JUST's day, Carlos Retre hit the post at point blank range, and completely missed the rebound which was eventually cleared by the Croatia defence.

The fire in the JUST camp was finally out as Croatia's players and fans saw out the final minutes of an eventful seasons' end.

JUST was sunk and Croatia could go into the finals knowing it does have lots of character.



Alex Marshall

NELSON'S COLUMN

He then went on to shock me by advising me that he's the sweeper there. I immediately asked him who the centre half is and it turns out to be John Higham (Preston, Morwell, Broady), when he's not suspended.

He is right now though, three weeks this time for a head high tackle on Tommy "Whitey" Cumming of Bell Park.

Also down at Holland Park are Grant Smart, Terry "Sniffer" Nolan and player/coach Dave O'Connor.

Mucho experience.

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Well, Polonia have a couple of big games coming up in the nest two weeks, and even though we're in more trouble than Mo Johnston at the moment, we hope to roll one (or both) of the big two.

I refer to Croydon and Juventus, of course, and we've got them both at Raleigh Reserve.

Croydon usually don't go too well there and Juventus haven't won there for nearly 10 years.

Mind you, they haven't played there in that long.

As regular readers

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Grant Smart

NSL DETAILS

ROUND TWENTY-SIX DETAILS

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Adzic 52nd, Caleta 77th) MELBOURNE JUST 0. At Middle Park, Sunday. Referee: Don Campbell. Cautions: Selemides (MCr), Deankovic, Becvenovic, Crino, Murphy (MJ).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic - Davidson, Selemides, Cannell, Donnelly - Duzel, Biskic, Milosevic, Caleta, Adzic, Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

MELBOURNE JUST: Nikitovic - Deankovic, Karic, van Egmond, Kalogeros - Durakovic, Becvenovic, Crino, Murphy - Retre (Lazopoulos 72nd), Palatsides. Coach John Margarites.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Haniotis 17th, Edwards 29th) HEIDELBERG UNITED 2 (P. McDowall 33rd, Stubbins 47th).

At St George Stadium, Stadium. Referee J. Reeves.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling - Barrett, Hooker, Haniotis, Georgakis - Phillips, Polak, Ironside, Edwards - Lee, Saad. Coach Eddie Thomson.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver - Russell, P. McDowall, G. McDowall, Scott - Stubbins, Kanesoulis (Ousalkas 65th), Stewart, Gojevic (Alagozides 75th) - Stevenson, Goutzioulis. Coach Miron Bleiberg.

WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Easthorpe 3rd) APIA LEICHHARDT 1 (Kosmina 56th).

At Brandon Park, Sunday. Referee G. Power.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos - Skeen, Kotamanides, Vlietstra, Hollifield - Morlando, Higgs, Ingham, Crainie - Easthorpe (Calbanese 70th), Brodnik. Coach Doug Collins.

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Webber, Radoslavjevic, M. Brown, Blagojevic - Bundalo, Ellem, Ricoy, Hagan - Kosmina, R. Brown. Coach Michael Urukalo.

ADELAIDE CITY (Ivanovic 67th, T. Vidmar 84th) BLACKTOWN CITY 3 (Batten 18th, Arambasic 83rd, Odzakov 87th).

At Olympic Sportsfield, Sunday. Referee D. Monteverde. Cautions: Santrac, Ivanvic (AC), Bennett, G. Sterrey, van Blerk (B).

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica - Shillabeer, Nyskohus (Villani 10th, T. Vidmar 84th), Flounders, Tobin - Melta, Santrac, Ivanovic, A. Vidmar - Maxwell, Mullen. Coach Zoran Matic.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson - Bennett, G. Sterrey, Naumov - Odzakov, Gibson, Maier, van Blerk - Batten, Arambasic. Coach Les Scheinflug.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Boutsianis 7th) ST GEORGE 1 (Ilic 87th).

At Middle Park, Sunday. Referee J. Fraser.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren - Healy, Fak, Blair, Postecoglou - Petersen, Boutsianis (Taliadoros 65th), Argyriou, Tsolakis - Trimboli, Wright. Coach Brian Garvey.

ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka (Harmat 86th), Ratcliffe, Grbevski - Morakeas, Krslovic, Moffitt, Pottier - Bingley (Ilic 75th), Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 3 (Lewis 57th, Morley 68th, Latif 77th) SYDNEY CROATIA (Hunter 69th).

At Chaplin Reserve, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas. Caution: Hunter (SC).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Waddell, Kotzamichalis, Parton, Marth - Carter, Faulkner, Morley, McLaren - Lewis (Hasler 71st), Latif. Coach John Gardiner.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Krajnovic - Savor, Rozic, Hunter, Jennings - Clinch, Rezo, Jones, Rumora (Foster 44th) - Arnold, Lamond (Zelic 70th). Coach Vedran Rozic.

MARCONI 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0

At Marconi Stadium, Sunday. Referee C. Bambridge. Caution: Petrov (PM).

MARCONI: Catlin - Colucci (Katholos 64th), Calderan, Wheatley, De Marigny - Gray, Gomez, McCulloch, Colagiuri (Lowe 74th) - Nastevski, De Jong. Coach Berti Mariani.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Taseski, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski - Tasevski, Markovski, Markovac, Petrov - Spink, Smith. Coach Andon Doncevski.

ROUND TWENTY-FIVE DETAILS

ST GEORGE 4 (Ollerenshaw 54th, Krslovic 61st, Ratcliffe 76th, Moffitt 88th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0.

At St George Stadium, Sunday July 9. Referee A. Townsend. Cautions: O'Shea (StG), Alevizos, Lewis (GX).

ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski - Moffitt, Pottier, O'Shea - Krslovic, Bingley, Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh - Alevizos, Parton, Waddell, Ketsakides - Carter, Marth, Faulkner, Morley - Lewis (Campelj 65th), Latif. Coach John Gardiner.

FINAL LADDER

MARCONI	26	15	6	4	62	24	39
ST. GEORGE	26	12	8	6	33	24	32
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	26	11	9	6	37	26	31
MELB CROATIA	26	13	5	8	44	35	31
PRESTON MAK	26	11	8	7	31	24	30
Adelaide City	26	10	8	8	29	25	28
Sydney Croatia	26	10	8	8	25	24	28
South Melb	26	9	8	9	44	37	26
Wollongong City	26	8	7	11	22	29	23
APIA Leichhardt	26	7	9	10	27	35	23
George Cross	26	8	5	13	25	38	19
Blacktown City	26	5	9	12	28	50	19
Melb JUST	26	5	8	13	24	37	18
Heidelberg United	26	7	4	15	22	45	18

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

MEL CROATIA 2 MEL JUST 0
CLIFTON HILL 0 ALTONA GATE 2
CLAYTON 0 PRESTON 2

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

GEORGE CROSS	17	15	2	0	68	19	32
ALTONA GATE	20	13	3	4	59	25	29
PRESTON	19	12	1	6	64	27	25
STH MELB	17	9	3	5	64	27	21
MELB CROATIA	17	10	1	6	52	31	21
H'BERG UTD	17	9	2	6	34	29	20
CLIFTON HILL	19	7	3	9	27	52	17
MELB JSUT	18	4	4	10	27	34	12
CAULFIELD CTY	19	5	2	12	31	55	12
MALVERN CITY	19	3	3	13	29	79	9
CLAYTON	20	1	2	17	19	96	4

GOALSCORERS

20. Nastevski (Marc3p)
11. de Jong (Marc)
11. Adzic MCr,3p)
Kelic (MC)
Ollerenshaw (St.G,4p
10. Trimboli (South)
9. Awaritefe (MCr)
Arambasic (Bl)
Lewis (GX)
8. Bingley (St.G)
Gray (Marc)
Postecoglou (South 7p)
Spink (PM)
7. Brown,R (Ap,1p)
Ironside (SO)
Latif (GX)
Lowe (Marc)
Markovski (PM,2p)
6. Colagiuri (Marc)
Easthorpe (Woll)
Kosmina (Ap)
Lee (SO)
Maxwell (AC)
Melta (AC,3p)
Saad (SO)
Stubbins (Heid)
Taliadoros (South)
5. Arnold (SCr)
Hagan (Ap)
Mullen (AC)
4. Brodnik (Woll)
Caleta (MCr)
Crino (MJ,1p)
Gibson (Bl)
Hunter (SC,1p)
Lamond (SCr)
McCulloch (Mar)
Mori (South)
Palatsides (MJ)
Retre (MJ)
Smith (PM)
Tasios (South)
3. Dimoski (MC)
Edwards (SO)
Ilic (St.G)
McKinna (Ap)
Milosevic (MC)
Morley (GX)
Ricoy (Ap)
Seal (SCr)
Slater (SC)
Soper (SO)
Stevenson (Heid)
Tsolakis (South)
Van Blerk (Bl)
Vidmar.A (AC)
Villani (AC)
Zinni (PM)
2. Biskic (MC)
Cokely (Woll)
Crainie (Woll)
Deankovic (MJ)
Gomez (Marc)
Hasler (GX)
Jones (SC)
Koczka (St.G)
Krslovic (St.G)
McGarry (SO)
Markovac (PM)
Michell (SM)
Morlando (Woll)
Murray (Ap)
Odzakov (Bl)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Polak (SO)
Radoslavjevic (Ap)
Skeen (Woll)
Slater (S.Cr)
Sterrey.G (Bl)
Talajic (MJ)
Tasevski (PM)
van Blerk (Bl)
Wright (SM)
1. Barrett (SO)
Batten (Bl)
Becvinovski (MJ)
Bennett (SO)
Bernal (SO)
Boutsianis (SM)
Bundalo (AP)
Calderan (Mar)
Carter (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Davidson (MCr)
Denyer (Bl)
Ellem (Ap)
Faulkner (GX)
Flounders (AC)
Foster (SM)
Foster (SC)
Gojevic (Heid)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Haniotis (SO)
Ingham (SC)
Ivanovic (AC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee (Bl)
Jolevski (PM)
Kanesoulis (Heid)
Kotamanides (Woll)
Lazopoulos (MJ)
Marth (GX)
McDowall.P (Heid)
McLaren (GX)
Moffitt (St.)
Murphy (MJ)
Naumov (Bl)
Opasinis (MC)
Petersen (SM)
Petkovic (Ap)
Phillips (Ap,1p)
Ratcliffe (St.G)
Raynes (Heid)
Reynolds (Bl)
Roadhouse (PM)
Savor (SC)
Selemides (MCr)
Stewart (Heid)
Tapai (MJ)
Theodosopoulos (M)
Tredinnick (Heid)
Vial (AC)
Vidmar.T (AC)
Wade (SM)

DEFERRED GAMES

ST GEORGE 3 (Moffitt 1st, Krslovic 13th, Ollerenshaw 15th) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0.

At St George Stadium, Wednesday. Postponed from April 2. Referee P. Spiers. Cautions: Harper (SG), Momirovski (PM).

ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka (Harmat 82nd), Ratcliffe, Grbevski - Harper, Krslovic, Moffitt, Pottier - Ollerenshaw, Bingley (Ilic 87th). Coach Frank Arok.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Taseski, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski - Tasevski, Petrov, Markovac (Momirovski 73rd), Markovski - Spink, Smith. Coach Andon Doncevski.

MELBOURNE JUST 1 (Becvinovski 56th) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (A. Vidmar 7th).

At Schintler Reserve, Wednesday. Postponed from June 25. Referee G. Power.

MELBOURNE JUST: Nikitovic - Deankovic (Mitrovski 70th), Karic, van Egmond, Kalogeros - Durakovic, Becvinovski, Crino, Murphy - Retre (Lazopoulos 80th), Palatsides. Coach John Margarites.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica - Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin - Melta, Santrac, T. Vidmar (Dimoski 75th), A. Vidmar - Mullen, Maxwell. Coach Zoran Matic.

NSL REPORTS

Draw not enough for Heidelberg

UNSUCCESSFULLY fighting to avoid relegation, Heidelberg placed immense pressure on Sydney Olympic on Sunday but the 2-2 draw was not good enough for it to avoid the drop.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● PAUL McDOWALL

The Bergers attacked from the start, almost scoring in the opening 30 seconds, but Olympic was quick to respond with a 17th minute free kick by Bary Phillips headed by Jason Polak against the post with George Haniotis waiting to tap in the ball from two metres to open the score.

In the 29th minute, Alistair Edwards mis-kicked his clearance.

Heidelberg refused to surrender and shocked Olympic four minutes later when a Steve Gojevic corner was brilliantly headed past Olympic custodian Clint Gosling by Paul McDowall.

Two minutes into the second half, the battling Bergers drew level when unmarked striker Phil Stubbins was presented with an open goal and neatly tucked the ball into the far corner of the net.

Olympic created the better second-half moves but was unable to convert the chances.

Abbas Saad missed from a difficult angle. Robert Ironside narrowly missed an Edwards cross wide and Edwards missed from in front after Polak did the lead-up work.

Former Socceroo Garry McDowall and his brother Paul were the midfield mainstays for Heidelberg but the attack developed nerves in the second half as the players saw their hopes slowly disappearing.

GEORGIE BEATS THE DROP

SUNSHINE George Cross escaped the relegation zone when it defeated Sydney Croatia 3-1 in the match at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● PAT MORLEY

Three second-half goals led to a pitch invasion after the final whistle by celebrating Sunshine fans.

Supporters embraced players in an emotion-packed conclusion to the crunch game.

Sunshine overcame a frustrating run of near misses in the first half to dominate the second period.

They had earlier created a number of openings but Ossie Latif, Paul Lewis and Les Carter wasted scoring chances.

From their best chance in the first half, Latif's shot appeared to have beaten John Krajnovic but the ball deflected harmlessly wide off Latif's teammate Paul Lewis.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 57th minute. Jeff Faulkner made a run down the right, Pat Morley controlled the centre and laid the ball off for Lewis to score his ninth goal of the season.

Sunshine went further ahead in the 68th minute when Morley put away the rebound after Latif's shot hit the post.

Sydney Croatia's only bright spot came a minute later when Alan Hunter put the ball into the back of the net in a goalmouth scramble, but Sunshine restored its two-goal cushion in the 77th minute.

Sydney Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic appeared to have a long clearance under control but mis-hit the pass back allowing Latif to intercept.

The striker advanced to finish with a shot past Krajnovic.

URUKALO SEEKS FINAL WIN

THE future of Apia coach Mike Urukalo is on the line after Apia played a 1-1 draw with Wollongong City in the last round of the NSL competition at Brandon Park on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● RANDELL EASTHORPE

Urukalo said after the game he had not yet been offered a new contract by the club.

"I am waiting on the board to see what is happening but beatin Olympic on Wednesday night will obviously help my case," Urukalo said.

"It is always nice for a club to finish the season with one major trophy."

Of Sunday's game Urukalo said he thought Apia were the better side and Wollongong scored a "soft" goal.

With nothing hinging on the result the small crowd were treated to some open entertaining soccer with plenty of chances at both ends.

The game was just three minutes old when Wollongong took the lead — midfielder Randell Easthorpe finding the net from 10 metres.

The Apia defence failed to clear a long free kick from Ray Vliestra and Easthorpe pounced on the loose ball to score.

Apia had the better of play in the second half and were rewarded with a John Kosmina goal after 56 minutes.

Pedro Ritoy sent a low cross into the Wollongong goalmouth from the right and Kosmina slammed the ball in from close range.

Both teams missed glaring chances in the last few minutes. Kevin Hagan heading over the top of the Wollongong goal from just three metres.

At the other end, Wollongong Danny Crainie set up fullback Mike Hollifield six metres out but he failed to connect properly and the ball went wide.

The game marked the end of Wollongong coach Doug Collins' association with the club.

Collins said he had enjoyed his nine weeks with Wollongong and thought the club could be a real force in the league next season.

MARCONI UNTROUBLED

ADELAIDE City missed out on a finals berth and Blacktown City avoided relegation in a titanic struggle at Olympic Sports Field in Adeladie which Blacktown won 3-2.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● FRED de JONG

DEFENCES were dominant when minor premier Marconi played a scoreless draw with Preston at Marconi Stadium.

The result was sufficient to ensure Preston's position in the top five, while Marconi can rest while the two semi-finals are contested this weekend.

"I wasn't at all displeased with the result," Marconi coach Berti Mariani said.

"Preston played it tight at the back, while I was glad to see that our defence did not miss a beat when they had the pressure on us late in the second half.

"Now we will have a break during which we can plan ahead and have everyone fit to make our bid for a second successive championship."

The opening 30 minutes produced no genuine strikes on goal and, in fact, only a sparkling drive from Marconi midfielder Tom McCulloch and a superb header by striker Fred de Jong livened the game before the break.

Preston goalkeeper Phil Traianedes unwound himself in magnificent style to grab the de Jong high to his left.

Marconi fashioned more second-half chances than its opponents, but was forced to soak up plenty of pressure over the last 15 minutes.

Preston was continually caught in Marconi's offside trap, but a tremendous 40-metre drive by its defender George Jolevski skirted the upright when Marconi goalkeeper Bob Catlin was in no position to make a save.

Towards the end Preston forced three successive corners but Marconi cleared its line to end the match with a 0-0 scoreline.

The final round was crucial for both sides and the win ensured Blacktown a place in the NSL next year and shattered Adelaide City's final hopes by one point.

Blacktown took control early in the first half with a goal from David Battien and Adelaide never looked to be in the hunt.

The second half was a different story with Adelaide once again finished off poorly.

Milan Ivanovich, in his first season with Adelaide, put the ball into the back of the net to level the score.

Blacktown's Zlatko Arambasic put his side one up again but, soon after, rookie Tony Vidmar scored for Adelaide to once more level the score.

But, to the delight of the small contingent of Blacktown supporters, Zarko Odzakov scored in the dying moments of the game to give his side victory.

A philosophical Adelaide coach Zoran Matic said his team was not mentally ready for the Blacktown City challenge.

"I knew they were going to go for the kill," Matic said.

"There are no excuses, we were very nervous and we didn't think well."

Jubilant Blacktown City coach Les Schonflug said he was proud of his young side.

"The win is good for the kids — it will give them time to develop," Schonflug said.

"The ball bounced for us and the league will benefit from keeping Blacktown as a member."

Blacktown grabs lifeline

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● ZARKO ODZAKOV

SAINTS SURPRISE RUNNERS-UP

ST George preserved the double chance in the NSL finals by coming from behind to draw 1-1 with South Melbourne at Middle Park on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● MIKE GIBSON

St George trailed until three minutes from the end when substitute Zoran Ilic scored the equaliser with a shot high into the net from about 16 metres.

Earlier St George striker Tony Krslovic twice had had the woodwork with promising shots.

Con Boutsianis with Con Argyrou and Dean Fak, playing his first senior shot South Melbourne into the lead after only six minutes.

He had another excellent scoring chance when he jumped over stranded goalkeeper Mike Gibson only to see his shot blocked on the goal line by David Green.

Although with no chance of making the finals South Melbourne should have secured both points when Steve Blair shook off all opponents on a run into the penalty area before wasting a golden opportunity by shooting wide.

Gibson saved St George in the 80th minute when he brilliantly deflected a close-range drive from South Melbourne winger Danny Wright.

And Gibson excelled again, foiling Peter Tsolakis eight minutes before Ilic notched the vital St George goal.

CROATIA DUMPS JUST FROM NSL

JUST lost its long battle against relegation when it was beaten 2-0 by Melbourne Croatia at Middle Park on Sunday.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● BRANKO MILOSEVIC

JUST and Heidelberg United, the bottom two clubs on 18 points each, were relegated and will play in the Victorian State League next season.

JUST has been a member of the NSL since it was formed in 1977.

The club has a proud history having featured various Socceroos, including Branko Buljevic, Frank Micic, Billy Wright and present team captain Oscar Crino.

With Gary van Egmond and Tom Karic starring in defence, JUST fought with the spirit

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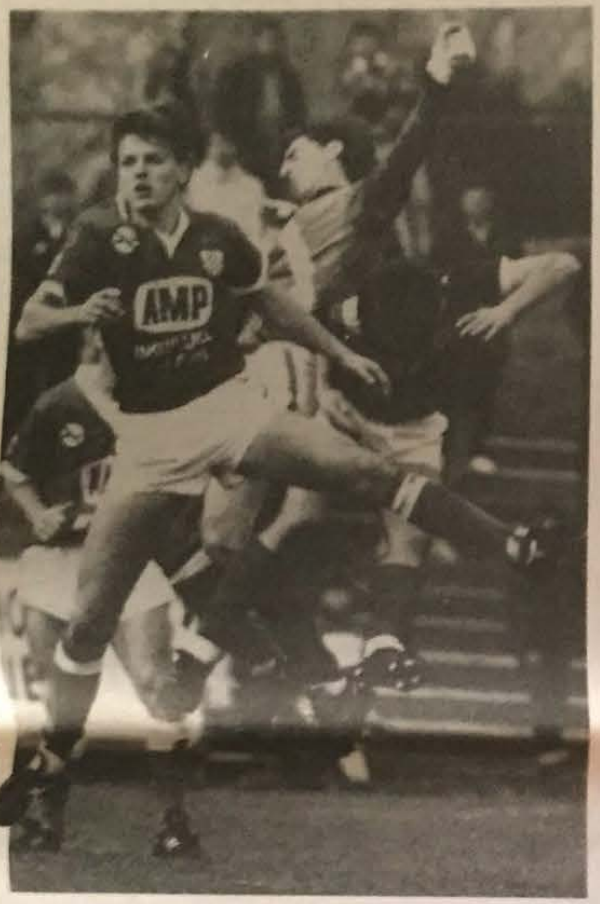

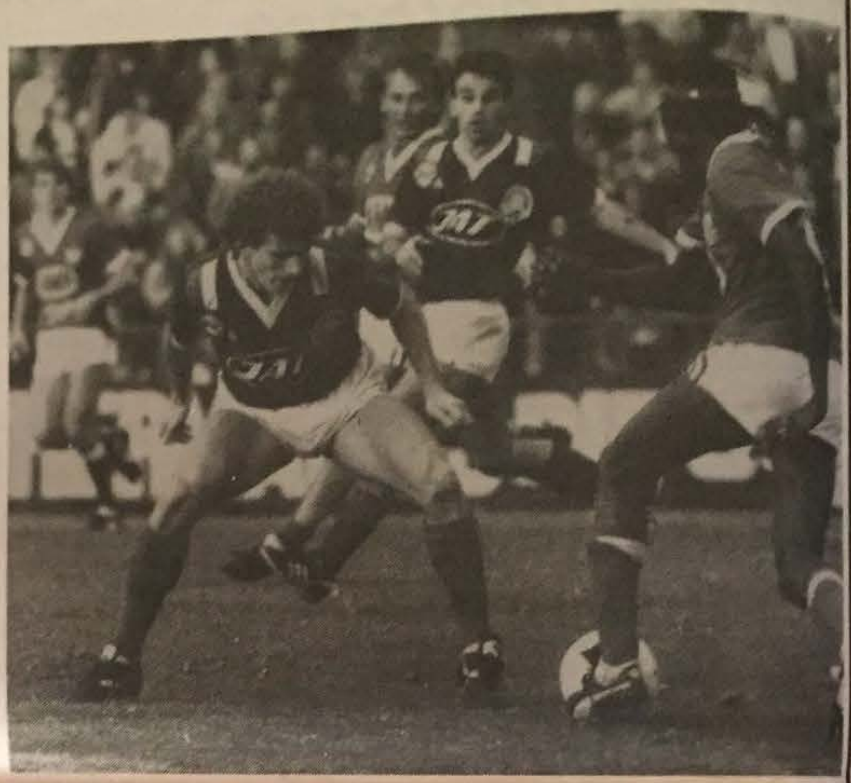

TOP LEFT: Croatia goalkeeper Mate Grgic has Joe Caleta to help him clear a JUST attack.
TOP RIGHT: JUST's Gary van Egmond is poised to pounce on Francis Awaritefe.
BOTTOM LEFT: Ron Manley is shadowed closely by Northcote's Paul Harris.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Peter Cocker has just banged home his second goal, and is he chuffed!

Division One Morning

Altona Ilinden 6 Middle Park 1 (6-1)

ANZ Bank 0 Apollo United 1 (4-0)

Austn Airlines 0 Montrose 2 (2-0)

Fibremakers Utd 2 Footscray United 2 (1-3)

Northcote Utd 1 Highpoint 2 (1-0)

HIGHPOINT	11	10	0	1	30	5	20
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	11	7	2	2	27	12	16
ALTONA ILINDEN	10	7	1	2	21	8	15
FIBREMAKERS UTD	10	4	2	4	16	20	10
ANZ BANK	11	4	2	5	9	13	10
AUSTN AIRLINES	11	4	1	6	18	22	9
MONTROSE	10	4	0	6	16	15	8
APOLLO UNITED	9	4	0	5	23	25	8
NORTHCOTE UTD	11	2	0	9	16	33	4
MIDDLE PARK	10	1	2	7	10	33	4

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	11	7	3	1	29	15	17
HIGHPOINT	11	5	5	1	25	7	15
ANZ BANK	11	5	5	1	26	13	15
AUSTN AIRLINES	11	4	5	2	24	14	13
MONTROSE	10	4	3	3	20	15	11
NORTHCOTE UTD	11	3	3	5	14	25	9
APOLLO UNITED	9	3	2	4	16	19	8
MIDDLE PARK	10	3	1	6	17	26	7
ALTONA ILINDEN	10	2	3	5	17	30	7
FIBREMAKERS UTD	10	0	2	8	8	32	2

Division One Afternoon

Flamingo 5 Youth United 2 (9-0)

Glenroy Doxa Utd 1 Springvale Eagles 1 (4-1)

Melb Rumania 2 Hampton Park Utd 2 (3-4)

Thomastown Utd 2 Coomoora Spiders 1 (2-6)

Windsor 2 Rowville United 2 (0-2)

WINDSOR	11	8	1	2	39	20	17
HAMPTON PARK UTD	11	7	3	1	29	14	17
COOMOORA SPIDERS	11	6	2	3	32	20	14
THOMASTOWN UTD	11	5	3	3	25	24	13
GLENROY DOXA UTD	11	5	3	3	24	23	13
MELB RUMANIA	10	5	1	4	29	21	11
FLAMINGO	11	2	5	4	23	29	9
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	1	2	7	21	31	4
YOUTH UNITED	10	1	2	7	25	42	4
S'VALE EAGLES	10	1	2	7	14	40	4

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	10	7	1	2	22	12	15
FLAMINGO	10	6	2	2	33	14	14
GLENROY DOXA UTD	10	6	1	3	21	12	13
HAMPTON PARK UTD	11	6	0	5	27	19	12
MELB RUMANIA	10	6	0	4	29	24	12
S'VALE EAGLES	10	4	2	4	23	23	10
COOMOORA SPIDERS	11	4	1	6	29	30	9
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	4	0	6	23	22	8
THOMASTOWN UTD	9	2	0	7	13	42	4
YOUTH UNITED	9	1	1	7	19	41	3

Division Two Mixed

Cretan Athletic 4 Swinburne 0 (2-3)

Lenos United 7 S.B. Spurs 0 (2-1)

Harambee 2 Melbourne Pumas 2 (3-1)

Nth X St Helena 1 Middle East 4 (1-7)

Oakleigh City 4 Tottenham 2 (1-2)

CRETAN ATHLETIC	11	9	0	2	40	16	18
TOTTENHAM	9	8	0	1	46	10	16
HARAMBEE	9	7	1	1	50	22	15
MIDDLE EAST	10	6	0	4	27	20	12
OAKLEIGH CITY	9	4	1	4	24	21	9
SWINBURNE	11	4	0	7	24	37	8
S.B. SPURS	10	2	2	6	18	45	6
NTH X ST.HELENA	10	2	1	7	20	37	5
MELBOURNE PUMAS	9	1	3	5	14	32	5
LENOS UNITED	10	2	0	8	20	43	4

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	9	8	1	0	33	6	17
CRETAN ATHLETIC	10	7	1	2	25	11	15
SWINBURNE	11	6	1	4	29	28	13
OAKLEIGH CITY	9	6	0	3	30	19	12
HARAMBEE	9	5	2	2	16	17	12
MIDDLE EAST	10	4	1	5	26	22	9
LENOS UNITED	10	4	1	5	23	25	9
MELBOURNE PUMAS	9	3	1	5	17	16	7
NTH X ST.HELENA	10	1	1	8	11	41	3
S.B. SPURS	11	0	1	10	15	40	1

Division Two Afternoon

Bayside A.T.A. 5 Kbro Blue Danube 2 (1-3)

Nth Dng Sparrows 8 C.S.U.V. 0 (3-1)

Elwood United 2 Nthn Timorese 2 (9-1)

FTsm Florida 2 Dandenong United 1 (2-3)

Berwick United 1 Oak City Bays 0 (5-2)

FL'TUN FLORIDIA	11	10	0	1	40	9	20
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	11	8	3	0	46	18	19
NTH DNG SPARROWS	11	7	2	2	30	16	16
BERWICK UNITED	11	6	1	4	24	14	13
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	11	5	1	5	17	17	11
NTHN TIMORESE	10	5	1	4	26	27	11
ELWOOD UNITED	10	4	2	4	21	20	10
DANDENONG UNITED	10	2	0	8	15	40	4
C.S.U.V.	11	1	0	10	11	45	2
OAK. CITY BAYS	10	0	0	10	9	33	0

RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	10	10	0	0	103	12	20
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	9	9	0	0	54	7	18
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	11	6	2	3	29	24	14
BERWICK UNITED	10	5	3	2	30	19	13
NTHN TIMORESE	10	5	0	5	21	40	10
DANDENONG UNITED	11	3	2	6	21	54	8
NTH DNG SPARROWS	11	3	1	7	21	47	7

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AS predicted in last week's issue, Elwood United's Reserves cruised through the 100-goal barrier in an effortless 9-1 win over Northern Timorese.

In a light-spirited and highly entertaining match, Grand-dad's Army played delicate touch football to leave the Timorese chasing shadows for most the afternoon.

The win kept Elwood at the top of the 2A Reserves table and maintained its scoring average of better than 10 goals a match.

Fellow championship contender Keysborough Blue Danube also maintained its unbeaten record, but was forced to fight much harder before downing Bayside A.T.A. Reserves 3-1.

Meanwhile a new leader has emerged in Division Two Mixed. Tottenham took a terrible tumble away to unfancied Oakleigh City and went down two goals to four to surrender its leadership, albeit temporarily, as the two games that Tottenham has in hand should re-establish its superiority.

Dallas United kicked the sweep this round. The three East leaders took cruel revenge on Essendon Tramways, conquerors of Dallas in the first round, derailing the Trammies 14-1.

Oakleigh City's downing of 2M front-runners Tottenham, was the upset of the round. Tottenham had maintained a perfect record and came to Clayton as the red-hot favorite. Meanwhile, after struggling early had moved up into sixth place.

Sharpshooters Bruno Jambresic (2), Cedric Meyer and Mervyn Martyusen, not only lifted Oakleigh City up a notch but enabled Cretan Athletic, which won 4-0 against Swinburne, to take over the leadership. The other prime contender of this division, Harambee, which might have profited more from Tottenham's slip, was held to a 2 all draw by Melbourne Pumas and looked still to have its work cut out to finish the season any better than its current third placing.

In Division One Morning, Highpoint held on to its leadership after a tense struggle with Northcote United, from which it emerged with a 2-1 win.

Footscray United held on to second spot, but is now four points off the pace after being held to a 2 all draw by a stubborn Fibremakers United. Altona Ilinden was the big improver, and ruthlessly ended Middle Park's brief revival, downing the Parkers 6-1.

Middle Park did not play badly but in very heavy conditions Altona Ilinden demonstrated far superior ball skills, and thanks to goals by Petrovski, Anastasovski and Jovancevski were 3-0 up at half-time. It might have been closer but for two penalties conceded by a rattled Middle Park defence. Altona Ilinden was back into attack early in the second half with Tasevski netting twice more before the Parkers' Monahan pulled one back from the spot. It was all to no avail, as Dragojevic hammered in Ilinden's sixth in the dying minutes of the game.

ANZ Bank at home was beaten by the topsy-turvy Apollo United, the most consistent claim to fame on which is its total inconsistency. One never knows from one week to the next whether Apollo United combination is going to blow hot or blow cold.

Out at Australian Airlines, the visitors, Montrose, had the better of affairs in a sound 2-0 win. But the big news in this match was the farewell performance by Alex Matthews. Alex joined the Airmen in 1978 and has held just about every position in the club since, while remaining throughout a highly skilled and valuable player.

Alex capped off a brilliant career by winning the 1988 Player of the Year award. He is moving into the clear country air of the Western District, where he should be good for at least another 10 years, and may yet lead Terang United to the League Championship!

Who will be the champions of Division One Afternoon? Front-runner Windsor were held to a 2-2 draw by Wooden Spoon favourites, Rowville United. Phillip Glattbach scored both the Rowville goals, the second with barely 20 seconds to play. Rowville should not have had to fight so hard or wait so long for an equaliser, as they had demonstrated a clear superiority in play throughout the match.

The Hampton Park United combination might have taken over from Windsor as leaders but for coming up against a fiercely determined and improving Melbourne Rumania. Rumania was first into the lead with a 10th minute Dodencu goal, but the Parkers equalised courtesy of a power-laden Cullen header at the 30 minute mark.

The Rumanians were back into the lead at the 55th minute when Dodencu belted in his second. The Rumanians were all fired up, but became over eager and missed two clear opportunities from point-blank range. At the 88th minute, their carelessness was punished when Wayne Brown ran unmarked on to a perfectly weighted corner kick to head in the Parkers' equaliser.

The dropped point in the game, and a loss in the Reserves were both costly to Melbourne Rumania, with both teams now having little hope of finishing either champions or runners-up. Still, both teams remain in Cup contention and a dual Cup win would sit very nicely.

Coomoora Spiders were the other contender for top honors, but had the misfortune to come up against Thomastown in top form.

Although the Spiders held on bravely, they were eventually downed 2-1 by Thomastown, and now will have a very difficult job to get back to either of the top two positions. Thomastown United, which has now moved into fourth, is on a roll, and having already steam-rollered Windsor, will fancy its chances of repeating the dose and climbing closer to championship honors. Springvale Eagles remained at the bottom of the table, despite picking up a valiant point away to former glamor team, Glenroy Doxa.

This is still the most competitive of all divisions, and one where it is still possible to predict a final outcome. While bottom teams are capable of taking points away from the leaders, anything can still happen.

Flemington Floridia and Bayside A.T.A. continue to win in Division Two Afternoon. It appears that the championship will be decided when these two teams meet again in Round 18.

Dandenong Sparrows has put on a late spurt with a run of form, culminating in a 8-0 white-washing of CSUV in Sunday's match.

Together with Berwick United, these three teams seem destined to make up the top four in this division, but that position could change if Northern Timorese can win its game in hand, and its players exhibit a great deal more self-discipline than is the case at present.

The young Elwood United combination is hanging on in seventh spot, and on Sunday put in a brave performance at home to hold the talented Northern Timorese combination to a 2-all draw. The Elwoodians were first into attack, and period of sustained pressure saw them go ahead at the 12th minute from a Timorese own goal.

Excellent goals by Northern Timorese's Melo and Carvalho put the visitors 2-1 up at half-time.

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OAK. CITY BAYS	10	2	2	6	25	42	6
C.S.U.V.	11	1	2	8	15	37	4
FL'TON FLORIDIA	11	2	0	9	13	50	4

Division Three East

Essendon Tramway 1 Dallas United 14

Garden City 1 Preston Tramways 6

Keeley Kings 4 Kew Deaf 1

Laminex 4 Westall P.I.P.A. 3

DALLAS UNITED	11	10	0	1	52	13	20
LAMINEX	11	6	4	1	51	22	16
TAXATION UNITED	9	4	3	2	28	19	11
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	11	5	1	5	28	29	11
KEELEY KINGS	10	5	1	4	28	29	11
BOWATER	9	4	2	3	22	18	10
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	10	3	3	4	31	42	9
GARDEN CITY	11	2	4	5	19	31	8
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	9	2	1	6	22	40	5
KEW DEAF	11	0	1	10	20	58	1

Division Three West

Alt Nth Tarxien 8 Whittlesea 0

Altona Heights 0 Ardeer 3

K Park Heights 2 St Albans Dynamo 4

Keilor Old Boys 2 Sunbury 1

St Alb Wanderers 4 Nippondenso 0

ST ALBANS DYNAMO	11	8	3	0	41	11	19
ALT NTH TARXIEN	10	8	1	1	29	5	17
ARDEER	11	7	3	1	26	12	17
KEILOR OLD BOYS	10	5	2	3	23	21	12
ST ALB WANDERERS	9	5	0	4	25	13	10
ALTONA HEIGHTS	11	3	1	7	14	25	7
WHITTLESEA	10	3	1	6	18	36	7
K PARK HEIGHTS	11	2	2	7	15	24	6
SUNBURY	10	1	3	6	9	20	5
NIPPONDENSO	11	2	0	9	16	49	4

Division Four

Embassy Taxis 1 Eltham/D. Valley 7

Epping Thistle 2 Endeavour United 2

Sunshine M'donia 3 Sunshine United 1

ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	11	7	2	2	38	13	16
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	9	7	0	2	27	12	14
EPPING THISTLE	10	6	2	2	27	15	14
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	9	6	1	2	26	15	13
ALEX THE GREAT	9	5	1	3	21	19	11
SUNSHINE UNITED	10	5	1	4	23	27	11
SALESIAN O.B.	10	3	1	6	17	31	7
DINGLEY UNITED	10	2	1	7	16	41	5
EMBASSY TAXIS	9	0	0	9	13	40	0

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ROUND TWENTY DETAILS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (McGreillis 10th, Glockner 55th, Lane 80th) THOMASTOWN 0.
At Veneto Club, Saturday (double-header). Referee J. Rutter.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Marley, Coady, Belic, Della Rocca - Herd (Klepac 75th), Lane, Minichiello, De Amicis - Glockner, McGrellis (Giaccherini 80th). Coach Manfred Schaefer.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - De Propertis, Mihailidis, Hennessy, Mihos (Sinclair 75th) - Ragusa, Dougherty, Athersych, Cristaldo (Di Martino 75th) - Carfora, Griffin. Coach Frank McAleer.
Ansett best player award: Minichiello (J) 3, Lane (J) 2, Mihailidis (T) 1.

BULLEEN 0 BOX HILL 0
At Veneto Club (double-header). Saturday. Referee A. Barnett.
BULLEEN: Roccioletti - Trgrlic, Krajacic (inj. Milosevic 35th), Curulli, Marsan - Ruccia, Angele, Manou, Lujic - Avian, O'Keefe. Coach Tony Vrzina.
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Davies, Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelis - McLeod, Alexander, McAleer, Thomas - Kennedy, McPhee (Egan 75th). Coach John Brown.
Ansett best player award: Marsan (B) 3, Cooper (BH) 2, McKinlay (BH) 1.

ST ALBANS 1 (Kupresak 44th) RINGWOOD CITY 0
At Churchill Reserve, Saturday. Referee G. Blakey.
ST ALBANS: Markic - Simovic, Bozic, Colina, Dragovic - Kupresak, Kuzman, Culina - Eres (Jurcic 70th), Morovic, Gagula. Coach Branko Culina.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Haupt, Cumming, Nolan, Verniers - Prinsen, Muir, Maguire, Corvan - Wall, de Ridder. Coach Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Culina (StA) 3, Verniers (R) 2, De Ridder (R) 1.

CAULFIELD CITY 4 (Pappas 65th, 69th, 72nd, Deligiannis 61st) MARIBYRNONG 1 (Baran 60th).
At Princes Park, Saturday. Referee A.N. Other.
CAULFIELD CITY: Koletsos - Abraam, Dimovski, Fattorre, Aretis - Bitsonis (Zemunik 60th), Casali, Theoharous, Filipou - Pappas, Deligiannis. Coach Jim Condilis.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia (Romanovski 63rd), Innes, Fleming, Pichnew - Baran, Nelson, Bonk, Blicharz - Belegrinos, Acevski. Coach Lesjik Djelkowski.
Ansett best player award: Pappas (C) 3, Nelson (M) 2, Theoharous (C) 1.

NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Cocker 44th, 51st) MORWELL FALCONS 2 (Basara 48th, Doyle, pen. 87th).
At John Cain Reserve, Saturday. Referee T. Sorensen. Caution: Manley (MF).
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Bekiaris, Harris, Palmaricciotti, N. Constantinou - Woodall, Ramos, Gymnopoulos (Tsangas 89th), J. Constantinou - Burgess, Cocker. Coach Jimmy Pyrgolios.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham, Bruns (Warszawski 85th), Walsh, Doyle - O'Donnell, Byrne, McBride, Cassar - Manley, Basara. Coach Bob McLachlan.
Ansett best player award: Gymnopoulos (N) 3, Bingham (M) 2, Cocker (N) 1.

CROYDON CITY (Humble 27th) GREEN GULLY 0
At Town Park, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.
CROYDON CITY: Nobile - Langsbury, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse - Brimmer, van Egmond, Brown, G. Runje - Scott, Humble. Coach Ian Dobson.
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, Pender, McMillan, Grimaud (inj. Spiteri 50th) - Smart, McLelland, Chetcuti, Metaxas (Elsey 65th) - Daley Harrison. Coach Willie Vassallo.
Ansett best player award: Brown (C) 3, van Egmond (C) 2, Harrison (GG) 1.

SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Webster 82nd) ALTONA GATE 2 (Tortevski 19th, McMullen 71st)
At Ross Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Byrne, Bryden, Reilly, Kral - Armstrong, Livingstone, Fourna (Tuffield 70th), Findlay (Mitsou 78th) - Webster, Keenan. Coach Gus Macleod.
ALTONA GATE: Lee - Micevski, Markovski, Gagic, Momirovski - Nicevski, Tortevski, Kebakovski (Ristovski 70th), Ilioski - McMullen, Todorovski (Aslimovski 75th). Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: McMullen (A) 3, Webster (S) 2, Tortevski (A) 1.

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STATE LEAGUE LADDER

CROYDON CITY	19	12	5	2	30	6	29
JUVENTUS	19	12	5	2	35	13	29
MORWELL FAL	20	10	7	3	35	15	27
ST ALBANS	20	10	6	4	24	15	26
Altona Gate	20	10	5	5	36	22	25
Caulfield City	20	9	5	6	32	26	23
Northcote City	18	8	5	5	25	19	21
Green Gully	19	8	3	8	25	21	19
Thomastown	20	5	8	7	18	27	18
Bulleen	19	6	6	7	17	21	18
Frankston Pines	20	5	6	9	23	33	16
Fawkner	19	5	5	9	15	27	15
Springvale City	20	3	7	10	14	21	13
Ringwood City	20	3	7	10	13	34	13
Box Hill	19	3	7	9	14	24	13
Maribyrnong	20	2	3	15	11	43	7

RESERVES RESULTS

Brunswick Juventus 5 Thomastown 0
Bulleen 2 Box Hill 1
St. Albans 2 Ringwood City 2
Caulfield City 3 Maribyrnong 3
Northcote City 1 Morwell Falcons 5
Croydon City 2 Green Gully 2
Springvale City 1 Altona Gate 1
Frankston Pines 3 Fawkner 2

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	20	13	4	3	42	24	30
Juventus	18	12	5	1	49	16	29
Green Gully	18	10	4	4	48	26	24
St Albans	20	10	4	6	36	21	24
Caulfield City	19	10	4	5	37	31	24
Morwell Falcons	20	9	3	8	35	33	21
Bulleen	17	6	5	6	19	20	17
Thomastown	18	7	3	8	19	28	17
Ringwood City	18	5	6	7	26	33	16
Frankston Pines	18	8	0	10	29	38	16
Northcote City	15	6	2	7	29	37	14
Fawkner	18	5	3	10	23	29	13
Box Hill	18	4	5	9	23	38	13
Croydon City	18	3	6	9	23	34	12
Maribyrnong	19	2	7	10	23	36	11
Springvale City	18	3	5	10	14	31	11

FRANKSTON PINES 3 (Watson 43rd, 75th, pen. Stirton 84th) FAWKNER 3 (Hanna 24th, 39th, 50th)
At Monterey Reserve, Sunday. Referee E. Venios.
FRANKSTON PINES: Waterman - McDonagh, Watson, :Lipscombe, Buchanan - Weir (Ferris 70th), Ross, Keenan, Miller - Dick, Stirton. Coach Joe Sweeney.
FAWKNER: Terzini - Tubic, Schipano, Falcone, Cosentino - Ferla, Ferrer (Chiavelli 65th), Sabatino (Soulamides 70th), Campbell - Hanna, Emmanuelle. Coach John Colangeli.
Ansett best player award: Hanna (F) 3, Watson (FP) 2, Dick (FP) 1.

Leading goalscorers

16. Pappas (Caul)
13. Humble (Croy)
McMullen (Alt)
10. Morovic (St A)
9. Basara (MF)
8. Egan (Juve)
7. Carfora (Thom)
Woodall (North)
6. Hanna (Fawk)
Stirton (FP)
Watson (FP)
Wright (MF)
5. Bonk (Mar,3p)
Cocker (North)
Dick (FP)
Gagula (St A)
Georgevski (Alt)
Glockner (Juve)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Metaxas (GG)
Scott (Croy)
Tortevski (Alt)
4. Daley (GG)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Eres (St A)
Harrison (GG)
Herd Juve)
Lane (Juve)
McBride (MF)
van Egmond (Croy)
3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Davie (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Harris (North)
Keenan (S'vale)
McAleer (BH)
McIntosh (Croy)
Nelson (Mar)
Raynes (Fawk)
Sokoluk(MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Todorovski (Alt)
Tsangas (North)
Warszawski (MF)
Webster (S'vale)
2. Aretis (Caul)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Brimmer (Croy)
Bryden (S'vale)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
Dobson (Croy)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G,G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kennedy (BH)
Klepac (Juve)
Koureemos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Manley (MF)
Maguire (Ring)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
O'Keefe (Bull)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Ross (FP)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Trogrlic (Bull)
Wall (Ring)
1. Armstrong (S'vale)
Asliaovski (Alt)
Avian (Bull)
Baran (Mar)
Belegrinos (Mar)
Belic (Juve)
Bingham (MF)
Bothwell (FP)
Bruns (MF)
Burgess (North)
Burlak (North)
Cassar (MF)
Constantinou.J(North)
Constantinou.N(North)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Doyle 1 p.(MF)
Elsey (GG)
Fourna (S'vale)
Griffin (Thom)
Grimaud (FP)
Han (BH)
Hennessey (Thom)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Marley (Juve)
McDonagh (FP)
McGrellis (Juve)
McLeod (BH)
McPhee (BH)
Marchett (Fawk)
Maretic (St.A)
Micevski (Alt)
Minichiello (Juve
Nelson (MF)
Nicoski (Alt)
Radecki (FP)
Ragusa (Thom)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Ristovski (Alt)
Runje.G (Croy)
Smart (GG)
Sweeney (FP)
Thodis (North)
Thomas (BH)
Verachia (Spr)

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22.Kupresak (St.A)
Byrne (MF)

21.Pender (GG)

20.Drakeford (Caul)

18.Lane (Juve)

17.Herd (Juve)
McMullen (Alt)

16.Corvan (Ring)

15.Harris (North)
Maguire (Ring)
Minichiello (Juve)
Webster (S'vale)

14.Brian (S'vale)
Cooper (BH)
Lujic (Bull)
McMullen (Alt)

13.Humble (Croy)
Dick (FP)
McIntosh (Croy)

12.Krajacic (Bull)
Watson (FP)

11.Athersych (Thom)
Brown (Croy)

10.Byrne (Alt)

9.Bonk (Mar)
Bryden (S'vale)
O'Dell (Fawk)
Woodall (North)

8.Gagula (St.A)
Haupt (Ring)
Ilioski (Alt)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (MF)
Sokoluk (Caul)
Theoharous (Caul)
Tortevski (Alt)

7.Belic (Juve)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Carfora (Thom)
Culina (St.A)
Davies (FP)
Fattore (Caul)
Koureemnos (North)
McArthur (BH)
McKinlay (BH)
Nelson (Mar)
O'Donnell (MF)
Pappas (Caul)
Ristovski (Alt)
Roodhouse (Croy)

6.Basara (MF)
Blackley (Ring)
Bozic (St.A)
Czapnik (Mar)
Harrison (GG)
Miller (FP)
Patiniotis (North)
Simovic (St.A)
Trogrlic (Bull)

5.Bingham (MF)
Burgess (North)
Cassar (MF)
D'Antonio (Mar)
Egan (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
May (Ring)
Patterson (Juve)
Sant (GG)
Schipano (Fawk)
Terzini (Fawk)
Todorovski (Alt)

4.Adams (S'vale)
Babic (St.A)
Brimner (Croy)
Campbell (Fawk)
Cocker (North)
Contini (Bull)
Cosentino (Fawk)
Davidson (BH)
Dobson (Croy)
Gymnopoulos (North)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Janakievski (Thom)
Kebakovski (Alt)
McLelland (GG)
Marsan (Bull)
Ramos (North)
Reynolds (MF)
Runje.G (Croy)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Turudia (North)
Wall (Ring)
Wilson (GG)

3.Bingham (MF)
Bissinger (S'vale)
Colina (St.A)
Constantinou.J (North
Cutler (GG)
Daley (GG)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (BH)
Filipou (Caul)
Hanna (Fawk)
Hennessy (Thom)
Innes (Mar)
Keenan.S (FP)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Mihos (Thom)
Palmaricciotti (North)
Patricca (Fawk)
Pondeljak (St.A)

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CROYDON, JUVE PULLING AWAY

THOMASTOWN SACKS McALEER

The absorbing neck and neck struggle at the head of the State League ladder continued unabated last weekend.

Both Croydon and Brunswick won, but Juve was able to nibble away at Croydon's superior goal difference, scoring three goals to Croydon's one. With Morwell Falcons stumbling at Northcote, the gap between the two leaders and the rest widened slightly, and it is beginning to look as though the climax of the season is looming in the two rounds after this weekend.

In Round 23 on July 30, Falcons travel to Croydon and if they come through that encounter with a satisfactory result, they'll be in great heart for the next hurdle, which is the visit of Juventus to the North Crinigan Reserve, on Saturday August 5.

Remembering that Croydon and Juventus still have that postponed game up their sleeve, the encounter at Morwell in August could be crucial.

Northcote City gave Falcons a rare fright on Saturday, in a game that was chockful of good football.

Northcote has so many skilful players that you can't help wondering whether that heavy John Cain Reserve pitch isn't a handicap, wouldn't they enjoy playing their home games on Caulfield's Princes Park for instance.

If Alex Gymnopoulos continues in last Saturday's vein and big Peter Cocker keeps banging in the goals in that mood, Northcote, with two games in hand could still make a significant impact on the top four situation.

Falcons, incidentally, had to play in green shirts because of a misunderstanding over Northcote's home strip, which is now all-white and Bobby McLachlan who isn't too keen on green anyway, is probably off the colour for life now.

He was a very relieved man when a clumsy tackle sent Greg Warszawski sprawling in the box for that vital penalty equaliser three minutes from the end.

St Albans, hammered 4-0 the week before by Falcons and without a win in three weeks, came back into the picture with a narrow win over Ringwood, but Branko Culina would be far from happy.

The Saints goal difference is nothing to shout about and if there is a close finish at the top it won't help much

The significant statistic arising from that game is that the goal-scorer was midfielder Velimir Kupresak.

He scored their last goal previous to that, too, against Maribyrnong in a game that was drawn.

Has Dennis the Menace gone off the boil?

Coach Branko Culina was forced to take his boots out of the cupboard, dust them down and play the whole game, and what is more, he was second best on the ground!

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Individually, the outstanding feats of the day came from two strikers, Con "Sniffer" Pappas of Caulfield and Fawkner's dashing Irishman Dave Hanna, both of whom scored hat-tricks.

Pappas, who knows a good thing when he sees it, is keen to get his hands on the ADIDAS award and he's now gone three goals clear of Andy Humble and Gary McMullen.

Those three seem to have the goalscorers' race to themselves, but watch out for Peter Cocker, fellers.

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Thomastown downed 3-0 by Juventus on Saturday sacked coach Frank McAleer on Sunday morning.

The team has had a dismal run over the last six weeks, since it beat Fawkner in the Italian derby in Round 14, in fact since then it has picked up only three points from a possible 12 and to be beaten by Juve was probably the last straw.

But Frank McAleer, who had a bad car accident four weeks had not been in charge until last Saturday, and he is still convalescing.

Maybe the committee thought it looked more humane to wait for him to be discharged from hospital before firing him.

The reason given was a breakdown in discipline in the club, which McAleer himself translates into committee interference in team selection.

The problem at Thomastown seems to stem from one player, whom two previous coaches, Joe Wilson an Bill Murray tell me they also had trouble with. Has it ever occurred to the club to sack the player and not the coaches, I wonder?

Another club that is having disciplinary problems with players is Fawkner. Fawkner's story is that referees are picking on Andy O'Dell, but nevertheless he was barred from training last week after being sent off again, along with Wilie Raynes, during the Altona Gate match two weeks ago. The big problem with the so-called "hard men" like O'Dell and Falcon's Billy Wright is that in the long run the only club they hurt is their own.

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No discussion about State League relegation prospects can have any validity now until the matter of the proposed Super State League is thrashed out. The State League delegates, having agreed in principle on the formation of the new League have been told to report to their clubs and come back to the next State League Management meeting on August 1 armed with their club's view.

Now that two Melbourne NSL clubs, Heidelberg and JUST have been relegated, it could be that only 10 of the present State League would be picked for the new League.

And that is only on the presumption that they are considered suitable, because it seems the choice is not going necessarily to be confined to State League clubs.

I believe that if some ambitious club like Sunbury, for argument's sake, were to apply and satisfy the criteria, it would be seriously considered. But if the choice is limited to State League clubs, and the plan goes through, it means that the bottom six at the moment, Frankston Pines, Fawkner, Springvale, Box Hill, Ringwood and Maribyrnong would not be relegated in the real sense, merely re-located in the secondary State League.

So until August 1 has come and gone and the Board of Management has approved or otherwide, discussion about relegation problems will be irrelevant, I suppose.

By Brian James

I wonder how the leading First Division clubs like Moorabbin, Albion, Sandy and the rest feel about being fobbed off with a Second Division State League status even if they get promoted?

Because they won't be getting promoted at all really, will they?

They won't get to play the big boys who bring the customers through the turnstiles.

But remarkably enough, nobody seems to be screaming like they were last year!

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This weekend's games, with probable winners in capitals.

SATURDAY

ALTONA GATE v St Albans at Paisley Reserve. MORWELL FALCONS v Caulfield City at North Crinigan Reserve.

SUNDAY

Box Hill v FRANKSTON PINES at Wembley Park. Green Gully v BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS at Gully Reserve. Maribyrnong vCROYDON CITY at Raleigh Reserve. Ringwood City v NORTHCOTE CITY at Jubilee Park. Thomastown v Bulleen (draw) at Partridge Reserve. Fawkner v Springvale City at Smith Reserve.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

D'mang	2	V	M'mad	1
N.Sales	1	V	Dove'n	0
M'gle	2	V	M'Park	1
Knox	3	V	Albion	2
D'don	2	V	Mord	0
D'lum	2	V	M'mead	1
Sand'h	1	V	M'bne	0

M'Park	14	8	4	2	22	9 20
D'lum	16	8	4	4	24	15 20
Albion	15	6	7	2	18	11 19
Knox	15	9	1	5	25	21 19
Sand'h	14	6	4	4	20	13 16
D'don	16	6	4	6	16	20 16
M'mead	14	6	3	5	25	19 15
Mord	13	4	7	4	18	17 15
M'gle	14	5	4	5	14	16 14
M'bne	15	6	2	7	15	19 14
N.Sales	15	4	6	5	12	17 14
Dove'n	16	6	1	9	20	28 12
D'mead	16	4	4	8	15	19 12
D'mang	15	1	1	13	10	30 3

RESERVES

D'mang	1	V	M'mead	2
N.Sales	0	V	Dove'n	1
M'gle	0	V	M'Park	2
Knox	0	V	Albion	1
D'don	3	V	Mord	2
D'lum	2	V	M'mead	3
Sand'h	3	V	M'bne	0

Albion	14	10	1	3	26	16 21
M'Park	15	8	3	4	32	19 19
Knox	13	7	4	2	32	15 18
M'mead	15	8	2	5	27	20 18
Dove'n	14	7	4	3	20	14 18
D'mead	14	6	3	5	25	21 15
D'mang	15	5	5	7	15	16 13
N.Sales	14	4	1	7	15	26 13
D'lum	14	4	4	6	23	28 12
D'don	14	4	0	8	19	23 12
Sand'h	14	2	3	7	15	24 11
Mord	14	4	3	7	26	39 11
M'gle	12	4	0	8	18	35 8
M'bne	14	3	1	10	15	30 7

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Seal	0	V	Pt.Mel	1
M'berg	0	V	N.Seal	2
Nor.C	1	V	M'mond	1
B'ton	1	V	D'ton H	1
Keilor	0	V	Spo Riv	1
M'mond		V	Coburg	
M'ville	0	V	B'bury	3

Keilor	16	10	2	4	26	15 22
N.Seal	16	9	3	4	34	19 21
Pt.Mel	15	9	3	3	30	21 21
B'ton	15	7	5	3	24	17 19
Seal	16	8	3	5	24	23 19
M'mond	15	8	1	6	29	26 17
M'mead	15	6	5	4	26	24 17
Nor.C	16	6	3	7	27	24 15
Coburg	14	5	4	5	21	20 14
Spo Riv	16	4	6	6	13	18 14
D'ton H	15	5	3	7	20	21 13
B'bury	15	4	3	8	17	26 11
M'berg	15	3	1	11	26	35 7
M'ville	15	1	2	12	8	30 4

RESERVES

Seal		V	Pt.Mel
M'berg	2	V	N.Seal 3
Nor.C	3	V	M'mond 1
B'ton	0	V	D'ton H 1
Keilor		V	Spo Riv
M'mond		V	Coburg
M'ville	4	V	B'bury 2

B'ton	13	11	1	1	34	9 23
D'ton H	14	10	2	2	38	15 22
N.Seal	15	9	1	5	34	25 19
Keilor	12	9	1	2	27	16 19
Pt.Mel	13	7	1	5	32	19 15
M'mond	14	7	0	7	38	34 14
Spo Riv	13	6	1	6	33	24 13
Nor.C	14	6	0	8	25	26 12
M'mead	14	5	2	7	24	41 12
Seal	12	4	2	6	27	25 10
M'berg	14	3	3	8	25	29 9
B'bury	14	3	2	11	26	38 8
M'ville	13	4	0	9	18	44 8
Coburg	13	2	2	9	14	40 6

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

D'mang	1	V	M'bne	1
Altona	0	V	B'ford	3
D'vale	2	V	C/Seal	0
Bell Pk	4	V	M'burn	0
Hall Pk	1	V	C'linda	1
Eltham	2	V	M'thon	1
M'ton	2	V	Lalor	1

Bell Pk	16	13	2	1	39	9 28
D'mang	16	9	5	2	33	17 23
D/Seal	16	8	5	3	23	11 21
Eltham	16	7	5	4	24	18 19
M'ton	16	7	5	4	20	16 19
B'ford	16	7	4	5	32	18 18
Hall Pk	16	8	1	7	31	22 17
M'bne	16	6	4	6	20	20 16
C'linda	16	4	6	6	21	28 14
Lalor	15	5	3	7	16	31 13
M'burn	16	3	5	8	15	30 11
D'vale	16	2	5	9	14	30 9
M'thon	15	2	4	9	19	26 8
Altona	16	2	2	12	18	47 6

RESEVES

D'mang	0	V	M'bne	1
Altona	0	V	B'ford	0
D'vale	3	V	C/Seal	2
Bell Pk	3	V	M'burn	0
Hall Pk	1	V	C'linda	5
Eltham	1	V	M'thorn	2
M'ton	1	V	Lalor	1

M'bne	14	10	2	2	49	15 22
B'ford	16	10	2	4	41	17 22
Eltham	15	9	2	4	25	17 20
Bell Pk	15	9	2	4	25	17 20
Altona	16	7	3	6	29	24 17
D'mang	14	8	0	6	33	26 16
D'vale	14	7	2	5	29	25 16
C'linda	15	7	2	6	25	37 16
Lalor	15	4	5	6	24	26 13
Hall Pk	14	5	2	7	26	35 12
M'thorn	14	4	3	7	19	28 11
D/Seal	15	4	1	10	26	33 9
M'ton	16	3	2	11	16	37 8
M'burn	15	1	1	13	11	60 3

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

Boronia		V	L'warr	
Mora.Pk	0	V	FTGully	1
Regent	1	V	Cl'ton	1
Bent	2	V	Bran/liv	2
Keysbro	2	V	P'vale	1
M'ton	1	V	M'anna	3
C'lingal	0	V	Hoalyn	0

Bent	16	11	4	1	40	16 26
Cl'ton	16	11	3	2	43	23 25
Hoalyn	15	9	3	3	37	22 21
Bran/liv	16	7	6	3	24	13 20
Regent	16	7	4	5	20	14 18
K'lingal	16	7	2	7	26	21 16
L'warr	15	6	4	5	23	16 16
Mora.Pk	16	6	2	8	27	28 14
M'anna	15	5	4	6	22	32 14
P'vale	16	4	5	7	13	26 13
FTgully	16	3	4	9	13	26 10
Keysbro	16	2	5	9	14	28 9
M'ton	16	2	5	9	15	32 9
Boronia	15	2	5	8	12	30 9

RESERVES

Boronia		V	L'warr
Mora.Pk	2	V	FTGully 0
Regent	2	V	Cl'ton 3
Bent	2	V	Bran/liv 0
Keysbro	3	V	P'vale 1
M'ton	3	V	M'anna 3
K'lingal	2	V	Hoalyn 1

Cl'ton	15	11	1	3	26	17 23
Bran/liv	16	8	4	4	32	18 20
L'warr	15	7	5	3	28	19 19
Bent	15	6	6	3	36	29 18
Regent	14	5	5	4	24	23 15
Keysbro	16	6	3	7	27	32 15
K'lingal	14	6	2	6	21	17 14
Mora.Pk	14	5	4	5	24	22 14
M'ton	16	6	2	8	25	32 14
M'anna	15	4	4	7	23	30 12
Hoalyn	13	5	1	7	22	22 11
FTgully	15	4	3	8	21	24 11
Boronia	14	4	3	7	17	24 11
P'vale	14	4	1	9	17	34 9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Malvern	2	V	N Mead	3
Nav'ly	0	V	Prahran	4
E Geel	2	V	Berwick	5
B'vale	0	V	Oak.Bub	0
N.Sun	3	V	S Yarra	0
B'wick	0	V	Melton	1
W Vale	0	V	Mosst'	2

B'vale	15	12	3	0	33	10 27
Prahran	16	9	6	1	40	25 24
Berwick	15	10	0	5	31	19 20
W Vale	15	8	3	4	26	17 19
N Mead	14	9	1	4	29	22 19
N.Sun	14	8	1	5	36	23 17
Oak.Bub	14	6	4	4	26	23 16
Mosst'	16	5	3	8	21	24 13
Melton	16	4	5	7	25	29 13
B'wick	14	4	4	6	18	22 12
Malvern	14	4	3	7	17	27 11
Nav'ly	15	3	1	11	16	35 7
E Geel	14	2	2	10	17	35 6
S Yarra	16	1	2	13	12	36 4

RESERVES

Malvern	3	V	N Mead 2
Nav'ly	1	V	Prahran 0
E Geel	2	V	Berwick 1
B'vale	1	V	Oak.Bub 0
N.Sun		V	S Yarra
B'wick	1	V	Melton 0
W Vale	5	V	Mosst' 0

Prahran	16	11	2	3	47	14 24
Malvern	14	9	2	3	38	20 20
N.Sun	12	9	1	2	34	13 19
B'vale	13	8	2	3	22	15 18
N Mead	13	8	2	3	28	23 18
Melton	16	6	5	5	24	17 17
W Vale	13	5	4	4	21	16 14
B'wick	13	4	4	5	18	23 12
Mosst'	16	4	4	8	29	35 12
S Yarra	14	3	5	6	23	31 11
Berwick	14	3	5	6	15	27 11
E Geel	14	2	4	8	19	32 8
Nav'ly	15	3	2	10	17	41 8
Oak.Bub	13	1	2	10	9	29 4

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Sand'h	2	V	Altona Eas	1
I B'vale	1	V	F'kston	1
F.Hill	2	V	Uni Melb	1
Monash	2	V	B Dandy	1
Glenroy	1	V	Ball't	2
Br'tons	5	V	Ascot	0
Port Un	1	V	Lalor	1

F.Hill	16	10	5	1	39	15 25
B B'val	16	9	6	1	32	12 24
Altona	16	11	2	3	27	20 24
Cranb'n	16	7	6	3	30	18 20
B Dandy	15	8	2	5	38	24 18
Ascot	15	6	6	3	23	16 18
Br'tons	15	6	5	4	28	17 17
Uni Mel	16	5	6	5	19	23 16
Port Un	16	4	4	8	22	35 12
Ball't	16	4	4	8	19	32 12
Glenroy	16	4	2	10	20	33 10
F'kston	16	1	7	8	14	30 9
Lalor	15	1	6	8	17	33 8
Monash	16	2	3	11	12	32 7

RESERVES

Cranb'n	1	V	Altona Eas	1
B B'vale	2	V	F'kston	0
F.Hill	2	V	Uni Melb	1
Monash		V	B Dandy	
Glenroy	3	V	Ball't	2
Br'tons	0	V	Ascot	5
Port Un		V	Lalor	

Uni Mel	16	11	2	3	39	16 24
Altona	15	8	6	1	32	19 22
Ascot	15	8	3	4	31	18 19
B Dandy	13	8	2	3	31	16 18
F.Hill	15	7	3	5	27	27 17
Ball't	16	6	4	6	27	18 16
F'kston	16	7	2	7	25	25 16
Lalor	14	5	3	6	30	27 13
B B'val	15	5	3	7	19	24 13
Cranb'n	15	3	7	5	17	25 13
Glenroy	15	6	1	8	26	35 13
Br'tons	15	3	2	10	16	35 8
Monash	14	2	3	9	13	29 7
Port Un	12	2	3	7	15	34 7

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Ringw'd	3	V	Mod.Pk.	0
Fitzroy	2	V	Mitchan	1
R'dale	1	V	W'tirna	1
Monbulk	1	V	Kew	1
Carrum	1	V	Bataan	0
Lyndale	3	V	Brandon	1
Altona	1	V	Mth Clayto	0

Fitzroy	16	10	4	2	31	19 24
Lyndale	15	11	1	3	38	18 23
Brandon	15	9	3	3	26	15 21
Kew	16	7	6	3	22	17 20
Mod.Pk.	15	7	4	4	23	21 18
W'tirna	16	6	5	5	39	25 17
Altona	16	6	4	6	14	17 16
Mitchan	16	7	2	7	31	36 16
Monbulk	16	3	6	7	14	15 12
Ringw'd	15	2	8	5	20	25 12
Carrum	14	3	5	6	19	22 11
Bataan	15	2	7	6	23	27 11
R'dale	14	2	4	8	19	38 8
Mth Cla	15	1	3	11	15	39 5

RESERVES

Ringw'd		V	Mod.Pk.
Fitzroy	3	V	Mitchan 0
R'dale	2	V	W'tirna 4
Monbulk	2	V	Kew 2
Carrum	2	V	Bataan 3
Lyndale	3	V	Brandon 1
Altona	5	V	N.Clayton 1

Lyndale	16	11	1	4	55	29 23
Monbulk	16	10	3	3	38	21 23
Kew	16	8	5	3	41	21 21
W'tirna	14	10	1	3	41	22 21
Bataan	14	9	2	3	41	25 20
Brandon	14	7	4	3	30	16 18
R'dale	15	7	3	5	29	25 17
Altona	16	6	2	8	34	44 14
Mod.Pk.	13	6	1	6	35	32 13
Mitchan	15	4	3	8	23	31 11
Carrum	14	4	2	8	25	45 10
Fitzroy	14	2	1	11	24	57 5
Ringw'd	14	2	0	12	16	41 4
N.Clayt	13	2	0	11	13	46 4

AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

L'robe	1	V	Oak U	4
E Rich	8	V	Keilor	2
Balwyn		V	Bye	
North U	0	V	Coll'wd	2
Mav.Wand	2	V	M'thorn	3
Diggers	2	V	Phillip	0

E Rich	14	12	1	1	45	17 25
M'thorn	14	10	3	1	43	20 23
Mav.Wan	14	7	3	4	37	25 17
Oak U	15	5	7	3	34	34 17
Balwyn	12	6	3	3	40	26 15
Phillip	13	4	5	4	20	24 13
Diggers	13	4	3	6	26	26 11
Coll'wd	14	4	3	7	19	27 11
North U	13	3	3	7	13	28 9
L'robe	14	0	5	9	23	42 5
Keilor	14	1	2	11	14	45 4
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0 0

RESERVES

L'robe U	8	V	Oak U	2
E Rich	6	V	Keilor	3
Balwyn		V	Bye	
North U	3	V	Coll'wd	3
Mav.Wand	1	V	M'thon	0
Diggers	1	V	Phillip	0

Coll'wd	12	9	1	2	45	20 19
E Rich	14	8	3	3	56	40 19
Balwyn	12	9	1	2	37	22 19
Mav.Wan	13	8	2	3	29	16 18
Phillip	12	5	5	2	23	16 15
L'robe	14	6	0	8	33	40 12
Diggers	13	4	3	6	32	35 11
North U	13	3	5	5	17	29 11
Oak U	13	3	2	8	28	39 8
M'thon	14	0	6	8	18	37 6
Keilor	14	2	2	10	28	52 6
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0 0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

Yarra U	10	V	D'corde	1
O Scots	4	V	Maccabi	1
Mal.Uni	2	V	Furlan	0
E.Hills	2	V	R.M.I.T.	0
Upfield	4	V	C'well G	2
I'city	0	V	D.Valley	1

Yarra U	16	12	1	3	67	29 25
O Scots	15	11	2	2	60	21 24
Mal.Uni	15	11	1	3	49	13 23
C'well	15	11	0	4	66	30 22
Upfield	15	9	3	3	56	26 21
D.Valle	15	4	6	5	26	24 14
Furlan	15	5	4	6	31	33 14
E.Hills	15	5	3	7	36	36 13
Maccabi	14	4	3	7	33	43 11
R.M.I.T	15	3	4	8	33	49 10
I'city	16	2	1	13	14	43 5
D'corde	16	0	0	16	11	135 0

RESERVES

Yarra U		V	D'corde
O Scots	3	V	Maccabi 0
Mal.Uni	2	V	Furlan 1
E.Hills	3	V	R.M.I.T. 0
Upfield	3	V	C'well G 1
I'city	0	V	D.Valley 5

C'well	16	11	3	2	36	16 25
E.Hills	15	10	3	2	37	22 23
Furlan	16	9	2	5	37	25 20
O Scots	14	8	4	2	34	17 20
Mal.Uni	15	7	3	5	37	20 17
Upfield	13	8	1	4	30	22 17
I'city	14	6	2	6	30	16 14
Yarra U	10	5	2	3	30	21 12
D.Valle	14	4	2	8	26	30 10
Maccabi	15	3	0	12	29	52 6
R.M.I.T	13	1	0	12	12	49 2
D'corde	11	0	0	11	4	74 0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

CLAYTON	4	V	MEL CITY	1
ELWOOD	0	V	MORDI	3
B.MARIB		V	BYE	
O.LEIGH BU	0	V	E.RICH	4
MORDI B	0	V	E.BENT	5
CONDORS	1	V	C.FIELD	2

B.marin	10	9	1	0	77	8 19
Mordi	9	7	1	1	48	3 15
Clayton	10	6	3	1	52	12 15
E.rich	10	4	4	2	38	9 12
Condors	10	5	2	3	37	20 12
C.field	9	5	1	3	17	15 11
Mel City	9	4	1	4	46	23 9
Elwood	10	3	1	6	31	48 7
E.bent	10	2	0	8	16	58 4
O.leigh	9	1	0	8	3	72 2
Mordi B	10	0	0	10	1	98 0

EASTERN A

Mitcham	1	V	Cr'don.C	0
Knox.A	3	V	P'valeA	1
Bulleen	3	V	Cla'nda	1
W'ley.U	7	V	Donc.R	1
B.Hill	1	V	W'ley.City	6
Nunw.C	1	V	F. HILL	7

B'valea	10	9	0	1	79	6 18
Knox.A	11	9	0	2	79	9 18
Cr'don.	10	9	0	1	60	10 18
W'ley.U	11	8	0	3	50	14 16
Bulleen	10	6	0	4	38	14 12
F. Hill	11	5	1	5	27	24 11
Mitchan	10	4	1	5	34	21 9
Donc.R	10	3	1	6	19	48 7
W'ley.C	11	3	1	7	16	61 7
B.Hill	11	2	0	9	10	82 4
Cla'nda	11	1	1	9	4	64 3
Nunw.C	10	1	1	8	15	78 3

EASTERN B

KNOX CITY C	0	V	B.DON PK	0
KNOX CITY B	3	V	B.BROOK	0
BORONIA	2	V	ELTHAM	3
H.TON PK	0	V	M.PARK	4
B.VALE CITY	2	V	OAKLEIGH	2
G/W.LEY	8	V	BRI.TON	0

M.park	11	9	1	1	52	3 19
G/w.ley	11	8	2	1	44	11 18
Eltham	11	7	1	3	23	13 15
H.ton P	10	7	0	3	47	14 14
Oakleig	10	5	3	2	31	13 13
B.vale	11	5	2	4	28	27 12
Knox Ct	10	4	3	3	31	11 11
B.don P	10	3	4	3	17	15 10
Boronia	11	3	2	6	13	39 8
Knox Ct	10	1	2	7	9	47 4
B.brook	10	1	0	9	7	39 2
Bri.ton	11	0	0	11	3	73 0

NORTHERN

N.COTE CITY	2	V	MEL.CROATI	1
LALOR	0	V	H.BERG UTD	0
T.TOWN	3	V	PRESTON A	1
B.U.JUVE		V	BYE	
LALOR UTD	1	V	MALVERN	1
N.COLL UTD	0	V	FAWKNER	2

Fawkner	9	8	1	0	35	1 17
T.town	10	7	2	1	29	8 16
B.U.Juv	10	6	4	0	23	4 16
Lalor U	9	5	4	0	15	6 14
Malvern	10	3	2	5	14	25 8
Mel.cro	9	2	3	4	21	17 7
Lalor	9	2	3	4	3	27 7
N.cote	10	3	0	7	16	22 6
Preston	9	2	1	6	12	20 5
N.coll	9	2	1	6	10	21 5
H.berg	10	1	1	8	5	33 3

NTH/WEST A

H.BERG B	5	V	MEL.GATE	0
C/Dons/Ivo	0	V	MEL.PARK	6
BYE		V	C/SEL.UTD	
BYE		V	MERIDIAN	
UNTD.PARK	1	V	WEST BOND	1
UTD.WEB	5	V	BANBURY	0

Mth.row	9	9	0	0	72	5 18
West Bo	9	7	1	1	66	6 15
Sea.bor	9	7	0	2	39	10 14
Regent	9	6	0	3	28	22 12
Syd.par	9	4	2	3	25	13 10
Mad.par	8	3	1	4	9	19 7
Sunbury	9	3	0	6	12	25 6
Mon.gat	9	1	1	7	7	33 3
E/Dons/	9	1	0	8	7	66 2
H.berg	8	0	1	7	0	74 1

NTH/WEST B

N.COTE CITY	6	V	KEON PARK	4
B.MARB	1	V	SUN.PARK	5
Y.VILLE B	6	V	WESTVALE	4
PRESTON B	3	V	ALTONA OAK	6
LALOR UTD	0	V	H.MEAD	2
MACCABI	4	V	S.GELLY	1

Sun.par	9	9	0	0	55	5 18
N.ends	11	8	2	1	30	8 18
Keon Pa	10	8	1	1	30	4 17
Maccabi	10	6	2	2	41	5 14
Westval	10	6	2	2	41	15 14
Maccabi	11	5	3	3	32	16 13
H.mea	10	5	1	4	37	17 11
Preston	11	5	1	5	21	25 11
Lalor U	11	2	2	7	15	29 6
Y.ville	11	1	3	7	5	38 5
S.gully	11	2	1	8	11	48 5
N.cote	9	1	1	7	9	37 3
Altona	10	0	2	8	3	57 2

PENINSULA

F.PINES	5	V	SOMERTON	1
F.STON UTD	2	V	LYNDALE	0
P.SEA	15	V	SS.VALE B	0
C.BOURNE	1	V	B.BANDY	1
L.MARN	1	V	STANLEY	0
B.VALE UTD	5	V	SS.VALE A	1

F.pines	10	9	1	0	59	9 19
F.ston	11	8	1	2	36	15 17
P.sea	11	7	2	2	56	26 16
C.bourn	10	6	3	1	24	7 15
S.vale	11

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Nunawading	10	6	0	4	23	18	12
B,aaris	11	5	1	5	33	21	11
Brighton	11	4	3	4	19	22	11
L,warn	11	2	5	4	10	14	9
E,bent	11	4	1	6	20	44	9
E,rich	10	2	3	5	11	21	7
Baxter	11	2	2	7	6	31	6
Glen Ma	10	1	3	6	8	34	5
D,nong	10	1	1	8	11	36	3

CEN/PEN B

SS,VALE	2	V	CHELSEA 2
ELWOOD	5	V	SEAFORD B 1
KILTHAM B	1	V	B,GREENS 1
C,BOURNE	6	V	M,TON 0
SHK,HAM	1	V	KARINGAL 1
BERWICK B	0	V	CONDORS 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,bourn	11	11	0	0	32	7	22
Elwood	11	9	0	2	73	7	18
Condors	11	8	1	2	51	14	17
Seaford	11	7	1	3	38	21	15
Kilt.ae	11	6	2	3	40	14	14
B,green	11	4	4	3	13	11	12
Ss,vale	11	4	2	5	22	17	10
Delaneu	11	3	2	6	22	29	8
Berwick	11	2	3	6	13	38	7
San,Nam	11	2	2	7	13	45	6
Karinga	11	1	1	9	4	54	3
M,ton	11	0	0	11	3	67	0

EASTERN A

MITCHAM A	3	V	DOVETON 0
F,STON UTD	1	V	B,VALE CITY 1
M,PARK	1	V	CLARINDA 4
WAV,UTD	4	V	D,ROVERS 0
SEAFORD A	7	V	MONBULK 1
BERWICK A	1	V	F,HILL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	10	10	0	0	40	11	20
Mitcham	10	7	2	1	38	4	16
F,hill	10	7	2	1	32	8	16
S,vale	10	6	1	3	24	11	13
F,ston	11	5	3	3	17	10	13
Berwick	11	4	4	3	20	10	12
Doveton	11	4	3	4	19	17	11
Clarind	11	5	1	5	17	20	11
Wav,utd	10	3	1	6	15	21	7
D,rover	10	1	1	8	8	31	3
M,park	9	0	0	9	3	40	0
Monbulk	9	0	0	9	4	54	0

NORTHERN A

BYE		V	PRESTON
BULLEEN	1	V	H,BERG UTD 1
T,TOWN	2	V	B.U.JUVE 1
LALOR	1	V	REGENT 3
FAWKNER	6	V	MALVERN 0
M,RED	1	V	M,MED 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	10	8	1	1	23	7	17
M,res	10	6	3	1	21	13	15
Regent	10	5	4	1	29	11	14
Bulleen	10	4	4	2	11	7	12
H,berg	10	4	3	3	11	10	11
T,town	10	3	4	3	14	13	10
Preston	10	2	4	4	9	13	8
B.U.Juv	10	2	3	5	10	11	7
M,wed	10	2	3	5	10	12	7
Fawkner	10	3	1	6	16	23	7
Malvern	10	0	2	8	5	39	2

NORTHERN B

N,COTE CITY	Y	V	M,CROATIA 4
PT,MELB		V	G,BORO 1
BYE		V	ELTHAM 0
BURDOORA		V	KEON PK 7
BYE		V	E99,DON
E,BRUN/SW	6	V	LALOR UTD 3

Lalor U	8	8	0	0	30	4	16
M,croat	9	5	3	1	38	6	13
Eas,don	8	5	1	2	21	10	11
E,brun/	8	4	2	2	13	9	10
Pt,melb	9	4	2	3	17	18	10
N,cote	9	4	0	5	17	19	8
Keon Pk	9	3	0	6	17	31	6
Bundoor	7	2	1	4	13	30	5
Eltham	10	1	3	6	15	36	5
G,bore	9	1	2	6	9	29	4

WESTERN A

BYE		V	MELTON
SUN,NTH		V	BYE
ST ALBANS	1	V	N,GEE 2
KEILOR	1	V	E,ALTONA 2
ALTONA CITY		V	H/PK/ASTY
SUN PARK		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N,gee	7	5	1	1	17	5	11
Sun,hts	6	5	0	1	16	2	10
St Alba	6	4	1	1	16	4	9
Sun Par	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Melton	6	2	1	3	2	5	5
Altona	6	2	1	3	12	18	5
E,alton	7	2	0	5	6	20	4
Keilor	7	1	0	6	4	16	2
H/pk/as	5	0	1	4	2	13	1

WESTERN B

ALBION		V	BYE
N,VALE		V	GEORGE I
ALTONA SAT		V	NTH,SUN
MELB CITY		V	BYE
BYE		V	W,SUBS
SYD PARK		V	BRIMTONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mth,sun	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
Altona	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
W,vale	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
W,subs	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brinton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

BENT GR	1	V	DONC.R 0
SEAFORD	0	V	LYNDALE 4
M/BARK	0	V	CLARINDA 4
C,BOURNE	0	V	E/RICH 1
L,WARN	2	V	WAV/LEY CT 6
B,MARIS	10	V	CROYDON 0

Bent Gr	11	9	2	0	45	6	20
Clarind	11	8	2	1	36	10	18
B,aaris	11	6	3	2	53	18	15
Lyndale	11	6	3	2	24	11	15
E/rich	10	6	2	2	24	13	14
Donc.R	11	5	3	3	23	13	13
Nav/ley	10	4	1	5	24	25	9
C,bourn	10	1	4	5	5	19	6
Seaford	11	3	0	8	15	49	6
L,warn	10	2	0	8	14	36	4
M/bark	10	1	2	7	9	36	4
Croydon	10	1	0	9	11	47	2

EASTERN B

R,WOOD CITY	0	V	HASTINGS 0
MONBULK	0	V	MORDI 13
WAV,UTD	4	V	SS/VALE 1
HAMPTON	3	V	M,TON 2
SANDY	0	V	E,BENT 6
BYE		V	F,HILL

Mordi	10	7	3	0	62	3	17
E,bent	10	8	1	1	55	7	17
Wav,utd	10	8	1	1	55	8	17
Hampton	10	6	0	4	42	12	12
Ss/vale	10	4	3	3	21	12	11
R,wood	10	4	1	5	26	27	11
F,hill	9	3	2	4	20	23	8
M,ton	10	2	1	7	17	36	5
Sandy	9	2	0	7	15	46	4
Monbulk	9	1	1	7	10	49	3
Hasting	10	0	2	8	4	84	2

NTH/WEST A

N'COTE	1	V	MELB.CROAT 6
NTH.RUN	2	V	LALOR 0
ALT.GATE	2	V	LALOR UTD 0
BRUN.CY	3	V	REGENT 0
ALT.CY	0	V	WEST.SUBS 4
FAWKNER		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	9	6	3	0	36	6	15
West.Su	9	7	0	2	37	11	14
Alt.Cy	10	6	1	3	26	16	13
Alt.Gat	9	5	3	1	13	8	13
Regent	8	5	2	1	20	7	12
Melb.Cr	9	5	0	4	30	13	10
N'cote	8	2	2	4	10	22	6
Nth.Sun	8	2	1	5	11	20	5
Lalor U	8	2	0	6	13	18	4
Brun.Cy	9	1	1	7	5	40	3
Lalor	9	0	1	8	4	44	1

NTH/WEST B

MORELAND		V	BYE
ALBION	0	V	E99.CY 4
T.TOWN	5	V	B.G.I. 0
SYD.PK	2	V	E.GEEL 1
BYE		V	M,MONG
CLIF.HILL	1	V	MON.COLL 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ess.Cy	9	8	1	0	51	4	17
T.Town	8	6	1	1	38	8	13
Morelan	9	5	2	2	21	12	12
B.G.I.	8	5	1	2	27	13	11
Albion	8	4	1	3	25	18	9
E.Geel	9	2	2	5	13	21	6
Syd.Pk	8	3	0	5	13	35	6
Clif.Hi	9	2	1	6	7	30	5
Mon.Col	7	0	3	4	3	21	3
M,Mong	7	0	0	7	5	41	0

NTH/WEST C

M.FIEL RAN	1	V	ROSANNA 4
NTH.UTD		V	PRESTON B
YARRAVILLE	6	V	ELTHAM 0
SUNBURY	0	V	WESTGATE 5
B.MEADOWS	0	V	MERRIBEE 0
BYE		V	KEON.PK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarravi	9	9	0	0	55	4	18
Merribe	10	6	2	2	24	13	14
Preston	8	6	1	1	27	10	13
Nth.Utd	9	3	4	2	19	21	10
Rosanna	10	5	0	5	23	26	10
Keon.Pk	8	4	1	3	22	13	9
Westgat	9	3	2	4	19	21	8
Eltham	10	2	2	6	15	34	6
Sunbury	9	2	1	6	13	30	5
M.Fiel	9	2	1	6	6	24	5
B.Meado	9	0	2	7	2	29	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

MITCHAM	0	V	S/VALE CITY 2
F/STON UTD	1	V	G,GULLY 0
PRESTON A	2	V	B,U.JUVE 1
CLAYTON	1	V	E,ALTONA 7
H/BERG UTD	4	V	ST ALBANS 2
KARINGAL	2	V	C.FIELD CT 2

S/vale	10	7	2	1	30	14	16
H/berg	10	7	2	1	18	9	16
Preston	10	6	2	2	24	13	14
E,alton	10	6	1	3	26	11	13
Mitcham	11	5	3	3	12	12	13
B,u.Juv	10	5	2	3	21	8	12
St Alba	11	4	2	5	16	25	10
F/ston	10	4	1	5	15	17	9
G,gully	11	3	3	5	16	22	9
C.Field	11	1	4	6	13	25	6
Karinga	10	1	3	6	12	26	5
Clayton	10	0	1	9	9	30	1

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

MITCHAM	3	V	D,LEIGH 2
BYE		V	BYE
BULLEEN	0	V	CLARINDA 1
WAV UTD	3	V	B,MARIS 1
SEAFORD	0	V	F/STON PTN 2
NUNA	1	V	SS/VALE 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F/ston	9	5	3	1	24	9	13
Clarind	9	4	4	1	25	11	12
Seaford	9	4	3	3	24	12	12
D,leigh	8	5	1	2	27	11	11
Mitcham	9	4	3	2	19	7	11
Nuna	8	3	3	2	22	25	9
Bulleen	9	4	0	5	8	15	8
Ss/vale	9	3	1	5	20	23	7
Wav Utd	9	2	1	6	9	30	5
B,aaris	9	0	0	9	13	48	0

EASTERN B

BOX HILL		V	BYE
G,WAV	0	V	S/VALE UTD 0
PK,MORE	6	V	F.T.G 1
OAK SUBS	1	V	WAV CITY 1
S/VALE CITY	7	V	MACCABI 0
BERWICK	2	V	C,FIELD 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oak Sub	9	7	2	0	44	8	16
Nav Cty	9	6	3	0	50	3	15
Pk,more	9	6	1	2	42	13	13
Berwick	10	6	1	3	20	20	13
S/vale	9	4	2	3	26	14	10
C,field	9	4	2	3	20	15	10
S/vale	10	3	2	5	20	19	8
G,wav	7	0	7	0	1	1	7
Box Hil	8	2	1	5	15	42	5
F.T.G	10	1	1	8	15	44	3
Maccabi	9	0	0	9	2	73	0

EASTERN C

HASTINGS	2	V	CLAYTON 1
F.STON UTD	0	V	SHER.RANG 1
DONC.ROV	5	V	CROYDON 3
OAKLEIGH S	1	V	CHELSEA 3
L.WARRIN	2	V	BAXTER 0
D.NONG		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
L.Warri	9	7	2	0	31	2	16
Donc.Ro	10	7	1	2	39	10	15
Croydon	9	6	2	1	49	19	14
Sher.Ra	10	4	4	2	26	12	12
Chelsea	10	5	2	3	23	20	12
Clayton	9	4	1	4	19	28	9
Hasting	10	3	3	4	10	30	9
Oakleig	9	3	1	5	19	28	7
F.Ston	9	2	2	5	24	19	6
Baxter	10	2	0	8	9	42	4
D.Nong	9	0	0	9	12	51	0

NTH/WEST A

N,COTE	2	V	M/CROATIA 7
S/SHINE PK	1	V	H,BERG UTD 2
BYE		V	GEORGE I
BYE		V	G,GULLY
ALTONA CITY	1	V	MALVERN 0
CLIFTON		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
George	7	5	2	0	15	6	12
M/croat	7	5	1	1	29	8	11
G,gully	7	5	0	2	24	11	10
Altona	8	4	1	3	11	9	9
Clifton	7	4	1	2	6	10	9
N,cote	7	2	0	5	8	19	4
H,berg	7	2	0	5	6	20	4
S/shine	6	1	1	4	6	14	3
Malvern	8	1	0	7	9	17	2

NTH/WEST B

LALOR UTD	0	V	M.LAND MEA 7
GEELONG	0	V	WEST GATE 0
T.TOWN	1	V	MARIBYRNON 2
BYE		V	LALOR
BYE		V	BYE
NTH RESERV	1	V	ESSENDON C 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Essendo	8	5	3	0	29	4	13
M.Land	7	6	1	0	23	6	13
Nth Res	7	4	1	2	15	7	9
West Ga	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
Lalor U	7	3	1	3	9	15	7
Maribyr	7	3	0	4	18	22	6
Geelong	6	2	1	3	2	6	5
T.Town	7	1	0	6	3	14	2
Lalor	6	0	0	6	1	27	0

NTH/WEST C

B.SHINE PK	4	V	NUNAWA 0
ALBION	1	V	PORT MELB 3
MELTON		V	BYE
BELL PARK	1	V	WILLIAMSTO 3
CORIO/G,LO	1	V	BRUNS CITY 4
BYE		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Me	8	7	1	0	39	6	15
Corio/g	9	6	1	2	31	15	13
Bruns C	8	5	2	1	31	16	12
Albion	7	5	1	1	30	7	11
William	8	4	0	4	25	23	8
Melton	8	2	2	4	20	32	6
B.Shine	9	2	2	5	10	28	6
Nunawna	8	1	1	6	2	23	3
Bell Pa	9	1	0	8	12	35	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

LALOR UTD	0	V	S/VALE CTY 1
PEN	1	V	N,GEEL 0
E,BENT	0	V	JUVE 5
PRESTON	1	V	REGENT 1
B,SHINE HT	1	V	KNOX 0
FAWKNER	0	V	F,HILL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,hill	10	8	1	1	25	7	17
Pen	10	8	0	2	24	4	16
S/vale	10	7	1	2	24	4	15
Lalor U	10	6	0	4	24	11	12
Preston	10	5	2	3	18	10	12
N,geel	11	5	2	4	14	16	12
Juve	9	4	3	2	14	5	11
S,shine	10	3	2	5	19	18	8
Regent	10	2	3	5	6	16	7
Fawkner	10	1	3	6	9	22	5
E,bent	10	1	1	8	7	50	3
Knox	10	1	0	9	7	28	2

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

OAK A	1	V	S/VALE CTY 3
M,PARK A	2	V	LYNDALE A 0
HAWTHORN	1	V	CLARENDA 1
WAV,UTD	3	V	BENT,GREEN 0
S/VALE CTY	0	V	MALVERN 1
BRIGHTON	0	V	C,FIELD 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	11	9	2	0	34	2	20
C,Field	11	9	2	0	27	7	20
Clarind	10	6	2	2	27	8	14
Oak A	9	6	1	2	22	15	13
Malvern	10	5	2	3	17	14	12
Hawthor	11	3	4	4	15	15	10
Wav,utd	10	3	3	4	12	14	9
Brighto	11	3	2	6	20	19	8
S/vale	11	4	0	7	8	19	8
Bent,gr	11	2	1	8	8	29	5
M,bark	11	1	2	8	5	22	4
Lyndale	10	1	1	8	9	40	3

EASTERN B

R,WOOD CTY		V	LYNDALE B
MONBULK	0	V	E,RICH 5
BYE		V	M,PARK B
HAMPTON	2	V	S,DANDY 0
L,WARN	2	V	DINGLEY 0
F,HILL	0	V	OAK B 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	9	7	2	0	22	5	16
Oak B	9	6	3	0	30	7	15
E,rich	10	7	1	2	32	10	15
L,warn	9	6	0	3	16	12	12
R,wood	9	3	3	3	19	14	9
F,hill	10	4	0	6	21	25	8
S,dandy	10	4	0	6	16	22	8
Lyndale	9	3	2	4	12	19	8
M,bark	9	1	2	6	5	20	4
Monbulk	9	1	2	6	9	31	4
Dingley	9	0	3	6	6	23	3

NTH/WEST A

BRUNS CITY	0	V	E99,DON 7
NTH UTD		V	H,BERG UTD
Y,VILL	2	V	M,MEADOWS 0
BYE		V	BYE
BYE		V	CLIFTON
BYE		V	MEL CITY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth Utd	7	4	3	0	21	3	11
H,berg	5	5	0	0	25	3	10
Y,vill	8	3	3	2	13	9	9
Clifton	8	3	1	4	12	18	7
Eas,don	6	2	2	2	11	9	6
Mel Cty	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
M,meado	6	1	0	5	4	17	2
Bruns C	6	0	0	6	2	37	0

NTH WEST B

N.COTE	3	V	SUN.HGTS 0
ALT.GATE		V	BYE
LAL.UTD	0	V	NTH/GEEL 1
LALOR	0	V	ALT.EAST 0
B.G.I.	5	V	MORRIBEE 0
BYE		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth/gee	7	6	1	0	24	9	13
B.G.I.	8	6	0	2	28	7	12
N.Cote	8	5	0	3	23	17	10
Alt.Eas	7	4	1	2	18	8	9
Alt.Gat	8	4	1	3	22	21	9
Lal.Utd	7	3	1	3	12	12	7
Sun.Hgt	7	2	0	5	7	21	4
Morribe	8	1	0	7	14	29	2
Lalor	8	0	2	6	6	30	2

NTH/WEST C

SUNBURY	2	V	CROATIA B 2
BYE		V	BYE
BYE		V	BYE
BUNDOORA	1	V	E,GEEL 2
B,MEADOWS		V	
M,VALE	5	V	JDT. ST 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoor	7	6	0	1	28	8	12
E,geel	6	4	2	0	9	3	10
B,meado	7	3	1	3	15	16	7
Ascot	7	2	3	2	6	9	7
M,vale	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
Sunbury	7	0	4	3	8	12	4
Croatia	6	0	2	4	6	10	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

MITCHAM		V	MELB.CR A
FAWKNER	1	V	ST.ALB 0
T.TOWN	0	V	BU.JUVE 3
PRESTON	3	V	DONC.ROV 1
PRAHRAN	0	V	W.SUBS 1
BERWICK	0	V	SHT.SVALE 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bu.Juve	10	8	1	1	28	8	17
Melb.Cr	9	8	0	1	36	5	16
W.Subs	10	6	2	2	23	5	14
Fawkner	9	6	2	1	21	15	14
Preston	10	5	3	2	22	18	13
Berwick	10	3	4	3	20	15	10
Sht.Sva	11	3	3	5	13	30	9
Mitcham	10	3	1	6	15	19	7
Donc.Ro	9	3	1	5	11	20	7
St.Alb	11	3	0	8	13	37	6
Prahran	11	1	2	8	10	24	4
T.Town	10	1	1	8	6	22	3

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

MITCHAM	1	V	MEL.CITY 1
F.STON UTD		V	BYE
SS/VALE	1	V	MORDI 1
DANDY	1	V	E,RICH 3
SEAFORD	0	V	CONDORS 8
BYE		V	S/VALE UTD

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.ston	7	7	0	0	36	5	14
Condors	8	5	1	2	29	15	11
E,rich	9	5	1	3	20	15	11
Mordi	7	5	1	1	14	9	11
Mel.Cty	8	4	2	2	21	10	10
S/vale	9	4	0	5	25	20	8
Ss/vale	9	2	1	3	11	18	5
Seafore	9	2	1	6	10	36	5
Dandy	9	1	2	6	11	25	4
Mitcham	9	0	2	7	9	21	2

EASTERN B

HASTINGS	2	V	KARINGAL 1
F/STON UTD	1	V	CHELSEA 3
DONC	3	V	K,BORO 2
OAK SUBS	2	V	F.T.G 2
C/BOURNE		V	BYE
M,PARK	1	V	C/WOOD 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C/wood	7	7	0	0	49	6	14
Oak Sub	9	6	2	1	27	9	14
F.T.G	9	6	2	1	30	13	14
Chelsea	10	5	2	3	26	26	12
F/ston	10	5	1	4	22	18	11
Donc	8	4	2	2	27	15	10
K,boro	10	5	0	5	30	20	10
M,park	9	1	3	5	14	30	5
Karinga	9	1	2	6	14	28	4
C/bourn	9	0	3	6	13	28	3

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

ST ALBANS 1 RINGWOOD CITY 0

RINGWOOD City played well at St Albans and was very unfortunate to go home empty handed.

For all its efforts it deserved at least a draw, but goals decide a game and that is what St Albans got one minute before half-time.

In the first half Ringwood City attacked fiercely and let St Albans know all about its fight against relegation.

St Albans withstood the pressure and was very dangerous when counter attacking over its wings, creating some good chances but Ron Vermiers and his men played well in defence.

The small, and poor, ground was certainly an advantage for the home team. A perfect combination between Marcel de Ridder and John Corvan nearly gave City the lead just before half-time, but John's shot went inches wide.

A minute later Krupesak took advantage of a little error in the Ringwood defence to give St Albans 1-0 lead at half-time.

It was all Ringwood in the second half but staunch defending, more than a bit of luck, kept St Albans in front. On at least three occasions the ball was scrambled from the goal-line and John Wall missed a golden opportunity midway through the second half when he could not put any power behind a shot at an open goal. De Ridder and young Jamie Prinsen played well for Ringwood, they are an asset for the men in orange.

— R.V.

NORTHCOTE CITY 2 MORWELL FALCONS 2.

MORWELL Falcons took to the field in Emerald Green for the encounter with Northcote and spectators could have been forgiven for thinking that the five Irish players for the Latrobe Valley Club had influenced a change in the club's colors.

However, the truth of the matter was that the alternate strip of all white had been brought for the match knowing that the normal blue and white would clash with Northcote's strip.

But everyone had forgotten that Northcote changed its colors this season to "all white." Anyway, thanks to the administration at Northcote, the Valley boys borrowed Northcote's alternate strip and the game got under way.

Despite a couple of early chances that went begging for Morwell, Northcote was first to get the ball into the net at the 37th minute when good moves by Alex Gymnopoulos and Pedro Ramos saw the ball lofted to the opposite side where Peter Cocker was unmarked and slammed it past Dave Reynolds, who had a few words to say to his defenders.

Morwell pulled back the equaliser just two minutes into the second half when Darko Basara pounced on a sloppy backpass to Nick Constantinou and easily beat him for speed to place the ball gently into the goal.

Northcote poured on the pressure for the next 10 minutes and was rewarded when Cocker again found himself in the clear to collect a pass from Ramos and beat Reynolds to put the home side ahead again.

It was the visitors' turn to apply the pressure and they managed four corners in as many minutes with the ball staying in that one end of the ground for a while.

Ron Manley was shown a yellow card for dissent complaining that the run through by Joe O'Donnell with the ball could not have been offside because he had not passed to any player and was going on his own. That is what it looked like but the referee was a lot closer to the action than anyone else.

Gymnopoulos took the ball forward and had his shot saved and was still up there for another chance but the shot was cleared by Harry Bingham.

At the other end, Manley took a long shot that was going all the way into the top corner but was denied a score by a great palming over the top by Mark Turudia.

With 10 minutes to go, Bobby McLachlan tried a tactical move that paid dividends. Emil Bruns was replaced by Greg Warszawski to put that extra bit of bite up front and things worked out fine for Morwell. Warszawski was running ragged up front evading tackles and causing all sorts of problems and after only five minutes was unceremoniously floored in the penalty area for referee Torben Sorensen immediately to point to the spot. Jeff Doyle lined up behind the ball for the kick and converted to bring the scores level again.

— E.H.

CROYDON 1 GREEN GULLY 0

OF the teams to visit Croydon Park this season, Green Gully came closest to penetrating the rock-solid defense of Croydon's Ian Dobson, Dave McIntosh, Alan Roadhouse and Paul Lansbury.

The Greens took the game right up to Croydon from the kick off, and came close to scoring the third goal of the season against Croydon on its home ground.

Pender missed narrowly after a strong Gully effort and Corrie Nobile, the Croydon keeper, made a fine save off a shot by McLelland when a goal seemed imminent.

It was a robust first half which warmed the good crowd, and both teams were no doubt thankful for the half-time break to recover breath and composure.

The second half continued in the same style with some heavy physical clashes, which were expertly toned down by the referee, who let the game flow. Both teams played good soccer with hard running and skill.

A goal had to eventuate from all this endeavour and Croydon managed this in fine stayle.

Steve Brimmer broke down the right wing after some clever interpassing by Mark. Mark Brown and Nick van Egmond.

Brimmer was impeded by the Gully defence and, from the free kick, which was expertly knocked over by that master of the dead ball situation, Langsbury up jumped jack-in-the-box Darren Scott who glanced the ball the waiting Andy Humble who delightedly headed home just inside the upright.

After this, the Gully forwards were well contained by Croydon's defence and, as in the previous week's game, began an onslaught on the Gully goal but were unable to beat an acrobatic Charlie Sant.

With such an intriguing season it was no surprise to see both Morwell's Bobby McLachlan and Juventus supremo Manfred Schaefer in attendance. Mat the best team win.

— J.H.

FRANKSTON PINES 3 FAWKNER 3

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At the 24th minute mark a poor goal kick by Keith Waterman saw the ball lob to the foot of Fawkner's Dave Hanna, who had no trouble in placing the ball back into the top right-hand corner of the Pines net.

Shortly after, Pines had the chance to equalise when a good run by Steve Keenan found him clear with only the goalkeeper to beat, but his shot was wide.

Fawkner increased its lead in the 39th minute when Hanna found himself clear in a disputable offside position and beat Waterman. Both goals had been scored against the run of play as Pines was dominating the play.

Pines finally broke through at the 43rd minute when Graham Watson accepted a deflection from a melee in the box and slotted the ball into the far corner of the Fawkner net.

After the break the pattern was the same as the first half until a break by Fawkner down the right wing at the 50th minute saw Hanna with only the goalkeeper to beat after a dummy by his fellow forward.

David Ferris replaced Ian Weir and made his presence felt when a long ball forward saw Keenan brought down in the 18-yard box at the 75th minute. The penalty was converted by Watson.

Things were starting to hot up as Pines continually pressured the Fawkner defence with attacking runs forward by Jerry McDonagh and it was finally rewarded when McDonagh surged forward and passed to Ally Dick who lobbed into the 6-yard box for Ian Stirton to head home the equaliser in the 84th minute and secure a further valuable point.

— B.J.

Geelong Soccer
by Ron Hay

NORTH Geelong and Bell Park strengthened their promotion chances in Division Two and Three respectively as the rest of Geelong's Victorian League teams struggled.

North recorded a good 2-0 away win to Heidelberg City. Even without four top players, North dominated the match and Patrick Alilovic opened the scoring from a penalty in the first half. Sveto Rastocic found space for a precise cross which Joe Osrecak buried for the second goal after the break. North remains in second but could be a real threat for the title, since it still has Keilor and Port Melbourne to play at home.

Bell Park was far too good for Yallourn, which had to field several reserve players in the stamina-sapping encounter at Batesford. Sam McNeilage put Park ahead from the spot after Makr Linney was upended, then Tommy Cumming deflected a John Coutts' shot into the net after half an hour.

Five minutes into the second half, Coutts had another cross shot, which Lino Mazza converted into a goal, and four minutes later Cumming was brought down in the box. This time he took the kick himslef to bring his tally for the league season to 15.

All the other Victorian League teams were in trouble. Geelong lost the promotion battle against Port Melbourne at home by a goal, the only one of the match, while in Division Three, Corio Geelong United went down 2-0 at Springvale United.

Geelong's coach, Hugh McFarlane said his team had 75 per cent of the play, but could not score on the heavy pitch. There were eight minutes remaining when Port got its goal, as an attacker outpaced the Geelong defence to snatch the points.

Hamlyn Rangers did get a point in the no-scoring draw away to Karingal. Craig Brown came closest to scoring in the first half, which Hamlyn dominated.

Contrasting fortunes were experienced in the Provisional Leagues. East Geelong lost 2-5 at home to Berwick City after Lou Temelkovski was sent off in the first half. Danny Wainwright and Gus Macleod got one apiece for Berwick and O'Halloran scored a fine hat-trick.

As East fought back in the second half, Done Laovski beat the offside trap and pushed the ball past the keeper, then followed up to score. A cross from Zoran Dervanovski fell kindly to Tony Borzinoski who continued his good scoring run.

Brintons overturned Ascot St Marks 5-0 at the Conca D'Ora Club. Ascot had a player sent off, but the visitors could do nothing to stop Ian Henderson scoring a hat-trick, while Paul Mills bundled another one over the line and Paul Mahoney completed the rout. This was Brinton's first victory over Ascot in eight attempts, so the celebrations went on and on.

MONASH UNIVERSITY 2 (Wilson 29th, Ikonomou pen. 85th) SOUTH DANDENONG 1 (Sepetci 62nd).

Monash University: K. Tranter, G. Costaras, P. Trbanc (P. Hawkins 7th), J. Papadmitriou, G. Nassios, R. Wilson, S. Dharmaratnam, J. Liapas, J. Yong, G. Ikonomou, H. Djumas. South Dandenong: R. Memishi, E. Simsek, S. Fus, A. Dogan, M. Jusic, R. Lumani, J. Rodriguez (L. Mustafovski 47th), B. Lumanovski, S. Elmazovski, S. Elmazovski, S. Yildirim, H. Sepetci.

Although able to dictate the course of events for most of the game, this disjointed and unimaginative display by South Dandenong must rate as among their worst ever.

Playinga within their limitations, Monash kept at it and in the dying minutes finally punished the opposition for their tired-looking contribution that had gone beforehand.

Completely against the run of the play where South had kept the University pinned in their own half, the home side shot into the lead after 29 minutes of play.

South failed to clear cleanly from a goalmouth melee. Wilson latched on to the loose ball to strike home through a ruck of players. Dandenong had the easiest of chances to draw level just before half-time. The home defence miscued an orthodox clearance and Sepetci was on hand to collect.

With only the keeper in his way the winger decided to make 'a meal of it' by going round the goalkeeper. He lost possession, regained the ball and shot over the bar when it looked easier to score.

Following a near thing for Monash when Steve Fus cleared the ball off the line, South equalised after 62 mins. A Yildirim throwin found right winger Elmazovski who crossed. From 10 metres out, a classic everhead kick by Sepetci was in the net before anyone could move.

Briefly, South came to life and came close to snatching the winner. The Monash defence held firm. Five minutes before normal time a home free kick from the left, looking to be a goal anyway, was handled away by Fus.

Ikonomou sealed it for Monash with his penalty.

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● From P.7

Chris Pavli broke the hearts of the Elwood youngsters in a virtuoso goalkeeping performance which thwarted attack after attack. The Tuscanese seemed content in the second half to hang on to their 2-1 advantage, and settled down to long periods of stubborn defence. Elwood scraped to a well-deserved draw through an 89th minute header from John Antonidis.

In Three West, St Albans Dynamo is clinging fiercely to its leadership, with Altona North Tarxien and Ardeer waiting for the slightest slip by the leader. Of the two, the Tarxiens are better placed, having a game in hand, which would bring them level on points with the Dynamos, and also enable them to narrow the gap in goal difference.

But Ardeer is pressing hard, and notched up a very good win in this round. In an away fixture at Altona Heights, Ardeer pressed hard early, and was rewarded when Andrew Csizmadic at the 13th and Eddy Kupisz at the 29th put the visitors 2-0 up. Altona Heights fought hard, but was frustrated time and again when Ardeer's keeper, Tony Mizzi, made save after brilliant save. The issue was put beyond doubt at the 85th minute when Marc D'Antinio made it 3-0 for Ardeer.

Although it has probably left its run a bit too late, Keilor Old Boys Soccer club is on a roll and has held on to fourth with a sound home win over Sunbury.

In Divisson four, Eltham & Diamond Valley and Epping thistle again reminded Sunshine Macedonia that it must not only keep on winning, but also pick up a minimum of three points from its two postponed games if it is to regain the lead.

One of these postponed games is against Endeavour United, which showed it is not going to be a pushover when it held the highly talented Epping Thistle to a 2-2 away draw. Endeavour itself has two games in hand, and a win in both of them would see it at the top of the table.

Reserves competition orchids in this round go to 1A's eight placed Rowville United for knocking over leaders, windsor, 2-0, and 2A's Bayside A.T.A. which held the Keysborough Blue Danube Mean Machine to a mere two-goal winning margin. In this same division Oakleigh City also did well in holding runaway leaders, Tottenham, to a 1-2 result, but was unfortunate in having a player hospitalised inthe process.

Carl Halford's back from England — says he found it too hot!

NELSON'S COLUMN

FROM PAGE 3.

know, I'm a big fan of Croydon City and, especially Andy "hat-trick" Humble who is a throwback to the days when you had centre forwards not "strikers."

Andy is a centre forward, am I right?

Another player much admired at Croydon is Mark Brown, now playing in midfield with "Noodles" Van Egmond.

Anytime I think about Mark — about twice a year usually — the term "club stalwart" pops into my head.

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Speaking of loyal servants, it's been brought to my notice that Trevor Campbell and big Alan Blakely are still playing for Sunbury United, now in Division Two, 10 years on.

In fact, Trevor scored a goal in their 3-2 win over Heidelberg City two weeks ago.

A bit of a surprise that (sorry Richie Benaud) as he scored about as often as Stweie Cannell usually.

Also at Sunbury is a guy I grew up with, Johnny McCable.

I haven't seen Johnny in 15 years.

How are those old sliding tackles doing Johnny?

And I mean to ask "Does Tam Brewerton still wear gloves after a cold snap?"

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By the way, I meant to ask the Editor, who gave out the votes after Croydon's 4-0 pasting of Thomastown two weeks ago?

The aforementioned Andy Humble scored three and didn't get a vote. A similar fate befell Falcons' Billy Wright recently.

Oh well, I hope they took the match ball home.

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Unbelievably, I got a phone call from a youngish State League player recently and he wanted to know if I could somehow work in some musical references in this column.

Ah ha, I thought, this guy is obviously a student.

Sadly, I was right.

What an imposter.

Mind you, I'll see what I can do for next week, Tolstoy.

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Lastly, which well known soccer identity was seen last week being comforted by his wife after watching the tear jerker movie "Beaches"?

I know, I promised I wouldn't tell.

RAB.

FROM PAGE 5

expected from a team with its back to the wall until Zeljko Adzic headed Croatia into the lead following a cross by Alan Davidson in the 52nd minute.

Croatia, which qualified for the semi-finals with the victory, had been the superior team, due largely to the midfield play of Branko Mikosevic.

The second goal came in the 77th minute when Francis Awaritefe ran down the right wing and passed to Joe Caleta who scored from close range.

In a late, desperate attempt to claw its way back into the game, JUST pushed sweeper Mehmet Durakovic into attack.

Two of his shots were saved and substitute Bill Lazopoulos hit the post as Melbourne JUST's 13 years in the National League came to an end.

FROM PAGE 12

South's late burst in the dying minutes had come too late.

Division Three

ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 2 (Jankulovski pen. 57th, Johanssen 70th) HAWTHORN 1 (O.G. 38th).

Eltham-Diamond Valley - Hamilton, Stanaway, Love, Giacomi, Culham, Petrucelli, Jankolovski, Briggs, P Coyle, Johanssen, Cirka. Hawthorn - Stamos, Stavrellis, Tornatora, Palantinis, Liakopoulos, Apioopoulos, Stamatelos (sent off 83m), Christoforiois, Pandelopoulos, Tangalos, Manos valley

Valley recovered from the shock of conceding an own goal to come back and defeat Hawthorn with two second-half goals.

Therw was nothing between the teams in the first 20 minutes. Coyle and Johanssen looked pretty sharp for the home side, but th visitors' defence was quite secure. They tended to rely on the quick break from defence but found Rob Love.

Giacomi came closest to scoring when his header from a Coyle corner was blocked on the line. In the 38th minute Hawthorn went ahead when Petrucelli put the ball in his on net, and that was the only scorer for the first half.

Two minutes after the break Valley had the ball in the ref had spotted a foul and the goal was disallowed. The visitors almost went further ahead when Jankulovski's pass back was woefully short and Hamilton had to make a desperate save.

The equaliser came 12 minutes into the half when Johanssen was brought down in the box. Jankolovski made no mistake from the spot. Hawthorn always looked dangerous on the break, especially through Tangalos, however the Valley defence held out.

The winning goal was scored by Johanssen from close in after Cirka nodded on a free-kick from Coyle. Valley were well in control from then on and although no more goals were scored, thoroughly deserved their win.

A lot of reserve team egos took a severe bashing when they lost their second game of the year to the third bottom side.

FROM PAGE 1.

Anderlecht has paid Croatia $100,000 for Slater and Slater's signing-on fee is said to be $200,000.

Croatia will be announcing the appointment of a new coach shortly to replace Vedran Rozic who is returning to Yugoslavia and caretaker Ron Corry could get the nod, but the club will also need to sign a sweeper to replace Rozic on the field.

Socceroo Wally Savor has indicated he is ready to leave and fellow Socceroo defender Graham Jennings also thinks he has been at Croatia long enough.

The unfortunate Tony Frenken, once tipped as Jeff Olver's Socceroo replacement will miss the whole of the new NSL season after undergoing a knee reconstruction.

Other Croatia players likely to be on the move are Mark Jones, Shane Clinch and David Rezo.

FROM PAGE 1.

Melbourne's Ruinous Day

Heidelberg United, having trailed the field for most of the season, put up a sterling performance against in-form Sydney Olympic but its 2-2 draw couldn't save it.

Fans at the double-header at Middle Park were kept in a fever of excitement as progress scores were relayed from Sydney and Adelaide.

The time difference between the kick-offs added to the drama as the lead in the Adelaide see-sawed and the JUST players were actually back in their dressing room before the final score confirming their demise came through. Melbourne now has only four clubs left in the NSL, with the possibility that the number might grow to five should the State League champion elect to play-off with the South Australian and Queensland State champions for promotion.

Heidelberg United, relegated in 1987, promoted in 1988 and now relegated again, faces a bleak future.

It is heavily in debt and now that the NSL Executive has decided to abandon promotion and relegation in the immediate future it, like Melbourne JUST, seems doomed to remain in the State League.

NSL Chairman Sam Papasavas said last week that since a State League Club winning the promotion play-off would have only a couple of weeks to organise itself before being plunged into the fray again on November 5, it would be unfair for it to have to run the risk of relegation in its first season.

Marconi, having finished on top, now enjoys the luxury of a week off as St George meets Sydney Olympic in the preliminary semi-final and Melbourne Croatia takes on Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park in the elimination game.

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GREEN GULLY V BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS ...
MARIBYRNONG V CROYDON CITY .....
RINGWOOD CITY V NORTHCOTE CITY.....
THOMASTOWN V BULLEEN .....
FAWKNER V SPRINGVALE CITY .....

Victorian League

Division 1 — Saturday

MOOROOLBARK V WESTERN SUBURBS ...
DOVETON V OAKLEIGH.....
NUNAWADING CITY V KNOX CITY .....

Sunday

WERRIBEE V SANDRINGHAM CITY .....
BROADMEADOWS CITY V ESSENDON CITY .....
ALBION V WESTGATE .....
MORDIALLOC V DANDENONG.....

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Division 2 — Saturday

RICHMOND V HEIDELBERG CITY.....
NORTH GEELONG V YARRAVILLE .....
SUNBURY UNITED V RINGWOOD UNITED ...
COBURG V KEILOR .....
CLIFTON HILL V WAVERLEY CITY.....
DONCASTER ROVERS V GEELONG .....
PORT MELBOURNE V BRIGHTON .....

Division 3 — Saturday

CORIO/GEELONG UTD V ALTONA CITY ....
SEAFORD UNITED V MORNINGTON .....
LALOR UNITED V ELTHAM/DIAMOND VALLEY .....
HAWTHORN V HOLLAND PARK.....
YALLOURN V SPRINGVALE UNITED .....
CLARINDA V CHELSEA.....
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Division 4 — Saturday

CLAYTON V MORELAND PARK RANGERS....
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Division 2 — Saturday

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FRANKSTON UNITED V PORT UNITED....
LALOR V BRINTONS.....
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Division 3 — Saturday

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